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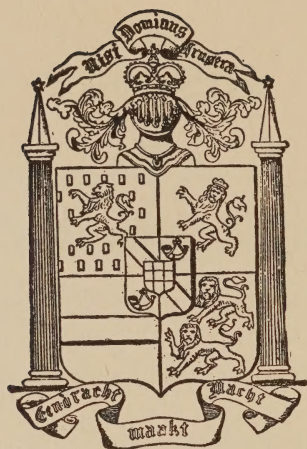
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Trinity Reformed Church
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Together with the history of
Central Reformed Church
Marconnier Reformed Church
Warren Reformed Church
First German Reformed Church

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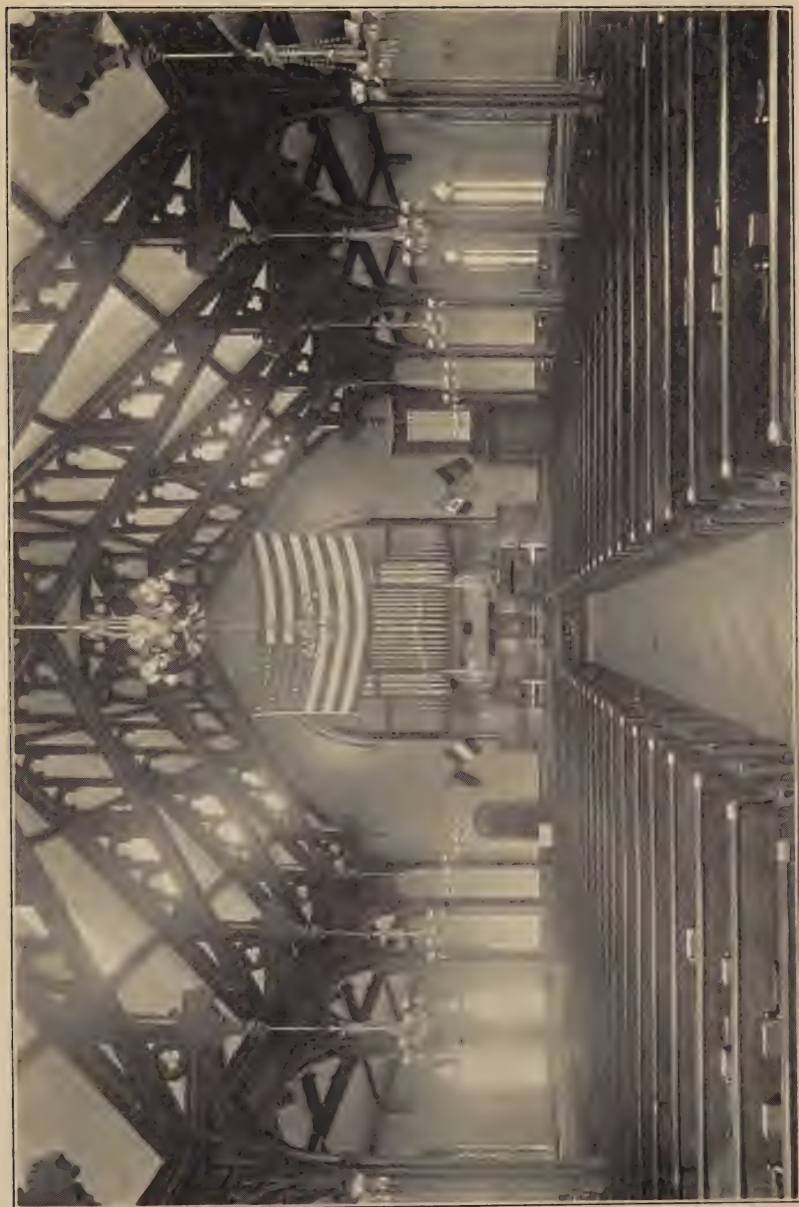
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INTERIOR OF TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH, 1918

I. CENTRAL REFORMED CHURCH

It would be well to recall the varied history of the different denominations that have worshipped in this edifice before the time that Trinity Reformed Church was organized. In 1857, there was organized a church known as the Second Baptist Church, composed largely of members of the Baptist Church of Plainfield, and they worshipped in Reform Hall. Two years later, in 1859, another congregation was formed from members who withdrew from the Second Baptist Church, known as the Union Baptist Church. They had no regular place of meeting, but in 1861 they bought the land, then an apple orchard and erected the building now known as Trinity Reformed Church. The first pastor of the Union Baptist Church was the Rev. H. G. Mason who was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Wilson and later by Rev. Mr. Hill. Morgan C. Bird was the builder of the edifice. The church thus constituted had a hard struggle with debt and it was necessary to abandon the enterprise. Later on the nucleus of Second Baptist and Union Baptist congregations formed the Park Avenue Baptist Church. At that time Park Avenue was known as Cherry Street and Watchung Avenue as Peace Street.

Another interesting event surrounds the early history. In 1862 Rev. D. V. McLean, D. D., resigned from the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, and took with him a few members of his former congregation. They worshipped in the Seventh Day Baptist Church which was then located on Central Avenue and West Third Street. Rev. D. V. McLean, D. D., resigned in 1863.

A number of this group and others acquainted with the Reformed Church made application to the Classis of Raritan in regular session at Peapack, N. J., on October 6, 1863, for the organization of a Reformed Church. The application represented 27 members and 30 families. The vote of Classis was 11 for granting this organization and 7 against it.

The Committee appointed by the Classis of Raritan, consisting of Revs. James LeFevre, D. D., John F. Mesick, D. D., and John C. Garretson, met at Plainfield and organized the

Central Reformed Protestant Dutch Church October 20, 1863, with 28 members. A consistory was also chosen and ordained consisting of Mr. John A. Staats and Mr. Jacob M. Stiger, as Elders, and Mr. Henry J. Hankinson and John V. Hulick, as deacons.

The Classis of Raritan met in the Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 6, 1864, at 10 A. M. A call of Central Reformed Church upon the Rev. John Simonson was approved by Classis. He was received as a member of Classis by letter from the Classis of Albany. The Installation service was held on July 6, at 10 A. M. in the Seventh Day Baptist Church. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Dr. John F. Mesick. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Abraham Messler from 2 Timothy 4:5. Rev. William Brush read the form of Installation. The salary of Rev. Simonson was about \$700, and having means of his own, he returned part of his salary.

On October 1, 1864, the Central Reformed Church purchased the church building on West Second Street from the Union Baptist Church. Originally the church building had no wings to it. The church had only a middle aisle and the pews were fastened against the exterior walls. The choir loft was over the front entrance. There was no organ and a melodion was used. The property had a fence about it.

Rev. John Simonson continued as the pastor for a period of five years until May 17, 1869, when at a special meeting of the Classis of Raritan held in Central Reformed Church on the above date, the pastoral relation was dissolved. The meeting of the consistory previously held was moderated by Rev. James LeFevre, D. D. The members of consistory were Elders George F. Young, Samuel H. Stevenson, Theodore F. Bainbridge, Deacons James Ross, Joseph C. Randolph, Jonathan S. Garretson. The Classis dissolved the pastoral relation with the agreement that the consistory was to pay \$548 back salary and \$200 interest accrued. Classis also passed resolutions of commendation of the work of Rev. Mr. Simonson.

During his ministry the church grew from 29 members and a Sunday School numbering 93 to 90 members with a Sunday

School of 75 members and with annual contribution of \$1,210 for church expenses and \$196 for benevolences. Rev. John Simonson died at his home at the corner of Park Avenue and East Fifth Street, Plainfield, N. J., on May 11, 1889. Mr. Simonson was born near Somerville, N. J., in 1817, was graduated from Rutgers College in 1842 and from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1845. He was licensed to preach by the Classis of Philadelphia. He served the following Reformed Churches: West Farms, N. Y., 1845-1852; First Bethlehem, N. Y., 1852-1864; Central Plainfield, 1864-1869; West Farms, 1871-1881. He was without charge from 1881 to the time of his death May 11, 1889.

"As a preacher he was earnest, evangelical, scriptural; as a Christian, modest, unassuming, sincere; as a man honest, honorably high minded. His character was transparent. His faith in God was unswerving and his hope firm to the end."

The second pastor of Central Reformed Church was the Rev. Nicholas Everett Smith. He was born at Jamaica, Long Island, in 1820. He graduated from Rutgers College in 1841 and from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1845. He was licensed to preach by the Classis of New York. He served the following Reformed Churches: Missionary at Port Washington, Monmouth County, 1845-1847; Oyster Bay, 1847-1852; Brooklyn, Middle Church, 1852-1869; Plainfield, Central, 1869-1872, and later on the Plainfield Congregational Church. He died June 18, 1890.

The Classis of Raritan met in special session in Central Reformed Church, Plainfield, on Thursday, July 29, 1869, at 10 A. M. Rev. Dr. Abraham Messler was the President of Classis. A call from the Central Reformed Church upon Rev. N. E. Smith was approved by Classis. He was installed on the evening of September 23, 1869, after being received as a member of Classis by letter from the South Classis of Long Island. The sermon was preached by Rev. Cornelius H. Edgar from Romans 8:2. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. William Bailey and the charge to the congregation was given by Rev. Dr. John F. Mesick. Rev. Mr. Edgar pronounced the pastoral relation completed.

In February, 1871, the church building was enlarged. Wings were erected to the building, pillars set in place, thus adding eighteen feet to the width of the church. An addition of 40 feet was added to the rear of the church and an alcove built for the organ which was also installed. The cost of these improvements was about \$11,000. Mr. G. L. Morse was the architect and Mr. William C. Ayers the builder. The church bell was donated by Mr. Thomas C. Moore and cost \$200.

The dimensions of the real estate are: frontage on Second Street 81 and 51 hundredths feet; rear 79 and 37 hundredths feet; Trinity Place 165 feet and on the eastern side 165 and 66 hundredths feet. It contains 300 and four thousandths of an acre. The street address is 134-142 West Second Street. The floor space of the interior of the church is 60x90 feet.

The floating debt on the church at the close of the year 1871 amounted to \$14,880. There was also a first mortgage of \$10,000 against the property and a second mortgage of \$13,400 held by Mr. William B. Stewart. The matter of going over to the congregationalist body had been agitated for over six months. At a meeting of the consistory held on December 27, 1871, a unanimous decision was reached to become a Congregational Church. A notice of a meeting of the congregation was announced from the pulpit on the last Sunday in 1871. The meeting of the congregation was held on Wednesday, January 3, 1872. About 30 were present. Another meeting was held on January 6, 1872, when about 40 were present.

The membership of the church numbered 137 members. Some wished to go over to the Congregational body, some were neutral, and others wished to remain loyal to the Reformed Church. The result was that a congregational church was organized and they worshipped in the former building of Central Reformed Church.

The reason for this step was the large debt the church had incurred. No more money could be secured from the Board of Domestic Missions as the rules of the Board did not permit the loaning of money to any church on a second mortgage. Secretary Rev. Jacob West, D. D., of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church even overtured General

Synod for granting a special dispensation to loan money on a second mortgage to the Central Reformed Church, Plainfield, but General Synod refused to do so. Another reason for this step was that in December, 1871, Rev. N. E. Smith and Mr. William B. Stewart went to see a prominent Congregational Church member in New York City who stated that it was the intention to start a Congregational Church in Plainfield and promised help to the extent of \$20,000.

At the time of the breaking up of Central Reformed Church, the ministers of Classis met and had dinner at the home of Mrs. David P. Arnold, mother of Mr. James K. Arnold, now a part of the building of the Hartridge School on West Seventh Street and discussed what could be done. Mr. James K. Arnold joined Central Reformed Church when a lad 16 years old, never took his letter away from the Church and died in the membership of Trinity Reformed Church on September 30, 1926.

The statistics of Central Reformed Church for the three years previous to the secession were as follows: In 1869 they reported 69 families, 7 received by letter and 10 by confession. The membership numbered 90 with a Sunday School of 75. The benevolent contributions were \$196 and congregational expenses were \$1,240.

In 1870 the church reported 90 families, 28 received by letter and 8 on confession. The membership was 110 with 100 in the Sunday School. \$364 was contributed for benevolent purposes and \$3,450 for congregational expenses.

In 1871 the church reported 112 families, 5 received on confession and 31 by letter. The total membership was 137 and Bible School enrollment was 146. The church contributed \$350 for benevolences and \$5,334 for congregational expenses.

A merit badge awarded to Mrs. Eleanor Seeds Robinson while attending the Bible School of Central Reformed Church about the year 1870 was presented to Trinity Reformed Bible School at the Jubilee Celebration March 23 to 30, 1930, by her daughter Mrs. Mary Eleanor Robinson Williamson of 731 Sherman Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. It was suitably framed,

displayed at the Jubilee Services and placed in the archives of the church.

A special meeting of the Classis of Raritan was called by the President, Rev. Charles H. Pool, D. D., on February 13, 1872, at 11 A. M. in Central Reformed Church. As Central Reformed Church was closed to the Classis, it was organized at the door of the church and then adjourned to meet at the German Reformed Church on East Fifth and Washington Streets.

The statement of Classis was as follows: The object of the meeting was to take in consideration the anomalous condition of Central Reformed Church, it having been represented as having taken steps to withdraw from its ecclesiastical connection.

A protest of twelve members against the unconstitutional and illegal proceedings of the consistory of said church, and an application for the dissolution of pastoral relations between Rev. N. E. Smith and Central Reformed Church were also presented.

The Church of Warren stated they had unanimously resolved to dissolve their connection with the Classis of Raritan and the Reformed Church in America and to join the Congregational Church. The action was granted by Classis.

The Classis of Raritan offered its protest to the public for the secession of Central Reformed Church to the Congregational Church. The Church was organized with 27 members and 30 families on October 20, 1863. At the close of Rev. Simonson's pastorate, it embraced 59 families and 79 members and was free from debt with the exception of a bond of \$5,000 held by the Building Fund of the Reformed Church. \$3,000 was contributed toward the purchase of the church. \$1,900 was contributed toward its support by the Board of Domestic Missions. To these sums must be added the increase of the value of the real estate of \$4,000 or a total of \$8,900. Rev. N. E. Smith was installed September 23, 1869, and subscribed to the formula. Now without any intimation of Classis, the majority of the congregation directing the consistory, voted and attempted to convey by deed the church property, without one word of remuneration. All this was attempted in utter dis-

regard and subversion of the principles of church government.

The Classis at this same session passed the following action: Whereas the Classis of Raritan was debarred from the use of Central Reformed Church, and the consistory attempted to convey property by an illegal deed to the Congregational Church and the Congregational Council has been summoned as announced in the Plainfield Times to recognize the existence of said Congregational Church in possession of said property and to induct Rev. N. E. Smith, still a member of Classis into office as its pastor.

Resolved that Rev. N. E. Smith, President, the Elders and Deacons are hereby cited to appear before Classis on Tuesday, February 27, 1872, at 11¼ A. M. in the hall of the Y. M. C. A., Plainfield, N. J., for "faithless desertion of office."

Resolved that in the judgment of Classis, it is a mystery how said consistory could mortgage the above church property for \$23,000 on account of repairs within the last year, when subscriptions of large amounts have been taken toward that object from members of that church and by which means property has been encumbered with debt nearly its actual value.

Resolved that for reasons embodied in these resolutions, Classis declines its assent to the dissolution of the pastoral relations.

Resolved that Classis most respectfully presents its solemn protest to the Congregational Council, about to convene in this place against the induction into office of Rev. N. E. Smith, still under jurisdiction of Classis, because they have not satisfied the just demands which our denomination has against the property, because Classis has not consented to such transfer of edifice from their possession.

A special session of the Classis of Raritan was held in the basement of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Plainfield, on March 19, 1872, and continued in session on March 20 and 21. The purpose of the meeting was to try the Minister and Consistory of Central Reformed Church for "desertion of office." All the processes of the trial were complied with. The testimony of many witnesses was heard. Mr. John A. Staats, Justice of the Peace, swore in the witnesses. Mr. Alfred D.

Cook was the treasurer of Central Reformed Church. The verdict of the trial was that they were found guilty.

CONTINUANCE OF CENTRAL REFORMED PROTESTANT
DUTCH CHURCH

After the secession of part of the congregation and consistory of Central Reformed Protestant Dutch Church on January 6, 1872, the Classis of Raritan continued the organization of Central Reformed Protestant Dutch Church by the election of a new consistory. The committee of Classis met at the home of Mr. George F. Young in Plainfield on Saturday, March 23, 1872, at six-thirty in the evening. Eight male members of Central Reformed Church were present. In the absence of the old church record books of Central Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, which the old consistory refused to surrender, the action of the Classis of Raritan in declaring the seats of the old consistory to be vacant, was then read. The following persons were then chosen as elders and deacons to constitute a new consistory, Elders Jacob Van Dyck, Peter A. Quick; Deacons James Ross, Samuel Dixon. They were installed in office on Sunday morning, March 24, 1872, by the Rev. Charles H. Pool, D. D.

At the Spring session of the Classis of Raritan held on April 9, 1872, Supply Preachers were granted to the Central Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, the second and fourth Sunday of each month from April to September, 1872. The ministers who supplied the pulpit were the following: Rev. William Pitcher, Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D., Rev. Jacob Fehrman, Rev. William Cornell, D. D., Rev. John A. Van Doren, Rev. Peter D. Oakley, Rev. Charles H. Pool, D. D., Rev. William Bailey, Rev. Philip Melancthon Doolittle, D. D., Rev. Robert Van Amburgh. A committee was also appointed consisting of Revs. James LeFevre, D. D., John F. Mesick, D. D., Philip M. Doolittle, D. D., and Elmer Dumont Frelinghuysen "to obtain legal advice in assisting the consistory of Central Reformed Church to recover their church property." They reported 17 families and 33 members.

At the Fall session of the Classis of Raritan, held on October 9, 1872, at Easton, Pa., a report from Central Reformed Church was received stating that they had worshipped in the Seventh Day Baptist Church for the past six months and had been supplied by ministers of Classis two Sundays each month. An invitation was also received from Mr. Noah W. Pike, chairman of the Hall Committee of the Y. M. C. A., to worship in the Y. M. C. A. building. The report also stated that the members of consistory do not ask for Supply Preachers from Classis on account of the expense of hiring a place of worship. The Committee of Classis was continued "to secure counsel to prosecute the claims of this church for the recovery of their property."

At a special meeting of the Classis of Raritan held at Somerville, N. J., on December 11, 1872, the committee on the recovery of property reported progress. A legal opinion by Lawyer John W. Taylor was read and also a letter from former Governor Peter D. Vroom. At the Spring session of the Classis of Raritan held at Clinton Station, N. J., April 8, 1873, the committee on the recovery of property of Central Reformed Church reported progress. The total membership numbered fifty representing 14 families and the total contributions for the year were \$403.

At the regular Fall Session of the Classis of Raritan held at South Branch, N. J., on October 14, 1873, Rev. James LeFevre, D. D., resigned as chairman of the committee on the recovery of the church property and Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D., was elected in his place. At the Spring Session of the Classis of Raritan, held at Whitehouse, N. J., April 13, 1875, Central Reformed Church reported nine families and twenty-one members. At the Spring session of the Classis of Raritan, held at Easton, Pa., on April 9, 1878, Rev. Charles H. Pool, D. D., Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D., and Elder David K. Craig were appointed a committee with general supervisory powers to look after the interests of Central Reformed Church. In 1875 the congregation worshipped in the German Reformed Church.

At a special session of the Classis of Raritan held at Somerville, N. J., on January 15, 1880, a statement of the affairs of

the Central Reformed Church was made by the Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D., and Classis "left them to the discretion of the committee."

At the Spring session of the Classis of Raritan, held at South Branch, N. J., on April 13, 1880, "the committee on Central Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., reported that they had given their consent that the Classis of Newark should organize Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., at the request of several persons formerly members of Central Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J. The action of the committee was ratified and the name of Central Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., was ordered to be omitted from the list of churches belonging to the Classis of Raritan."

The total contributions of Central Reformed Protestant Dutch Church from 1863 to 1880 for congregational purposes were \$19,956 and for missions were \$1,767 or a grand total of \$21,723. During the eight years from January 6, 1872, to April 13, 1880, the church had no installed minister. On April 13, 1880, when the church was merged with Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., the consistory reported 9 families and 21 members.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

"THE CENTRAL REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH
OF PLAINFIELD, N. J."

WHEREAS, by the Laws of the State of New Jersey the minister, elders and deacons or if there be no minister then the Elders and Deacons for the time being of every Reformed Dutch Congregation shall be Trustees of the same and whereas the religious society and congregation usually meeting for public worship in the village and township of Plainfield, County of Union aforesaid did assemble at their said place of meeting on the Twentieth day of October A. D., 1863, due notice of said meeting having been given according to the rules of the Reformed Dutch Church and did elect four of their number to be the elders and deacons of the same. Now therefore, we

the said elders and deacons selected as aforesaid do hereby certify that we have taken upon ourselves the name of The Trustees of "The Central Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Plainfield," and do request this our certificate to be by you recorded according to law.

WITNESS, our hands and seals this seventh day of December, A. D., 1863.

JOHN A. STAATS (LS)

I. N. STEGER (LS)

JOHN V. HULICK (LS)

H. I. HANKINSON (LS)

Signed and sealed in the
presence of
THEODORE I. RUNYON.

Recorded March 8th, 1864.

HENRY R. CAMERON,
Clerk.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
UNION COUNTY, SS:

I, WILLIAM B. MARTIN, Clerk of the County of Union, aforesaid, and also Clerk of the Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas, holden therein,

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a certain Certificate of Incorporation

"THE CENTRAL REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH
OF PLAINFIELD, N. J."

as the same is taken from and compared with the original on file in Incorporation Book 1 page 54 in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Courts and County, at Elizabeth, this 3d day of July, 1930.

WM. B. MARTIN,
Clerk.

[SEAL]

II. FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The First Congregational Church thus formed in January, 1872, secured later the property from Central Reformed Church. Rev. N. E. Smith became their pastor. "William B. Stewart, one of the prominent members of the church and president of the Board of Trustees, was authorized to issue and sign papers as might be necessary in contemplating the purchase of the church edifice from the Central Reformed Church." It was also resolved "that the shield of the side of the five cent piece of the issue of 1867 be used as the seal of the church."

The debt of the new congregation was heavy. Mr. William B. Stewart of South Plainfield was one of the benefactors in those days, loaning and giving large sums of money.

Rev. George Bowers, pastor for over 50 years of the Warrenville Congregational Church, was ordained to the Gospel ministry in the First Congregational Church (Trinity Reformed Church Building) on March 14, 1873.

During the pastorate of Rev. Smith, the church engaged a fine soprano singer paying her \$2,000 a year.

Rev. N. E. Smith resigned in 1878. He was followed by Rev. William Manchee in 1879. He was born in London, England, July 30, 1841. He graduated from Hackney College and Seminary, London, England, in 1866. He was ordained by the Congregationalists in Whitfield Chapel, Drury Lane, London, February, 1866. He served the following churches: Whitfield Chapel, London, 1866-1867; Cowbridge Congregational Church, Hertford, 1867-1872; Congregational Church, Guelph, Canada, 1873-1879.

The officers of the Sunday School in the year 1873 were as follows: Superintendent, Mr. W. F. Sherwin; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. C. F. Goddard; Librarian, Mr. Peter Bogert; Assistant Librarian, Mr. Oscar Freeman.

The teachers were the following: Mr. L. A. Hummer, Mrs. L. A. Hummer, Mrs. O. F. Pratt, Mr. S. Dixon, Mrs. Blackwell, Laura Smith, R. C. Dinger, Kittie Kline, Mrs. Dinger, Mr. Newman, Mrs. C. F. Goddard, Mr. S. L. Stewart, Mrs.

W. F. Sherwin, Miss E. L. Sherwin, Mrs. Winters, Mr. J. L. Belles. The Infant Class was taught by Mrs. Bogert.

The debt on the church was heavy and dissension arose with the result that the organization of the Congregational Church was dissolved in the fall of 1879. A part of the congregation formed the Congregational Church on West Seventh Street and the other remnant petitioned the Classis of Newark for the organization of a Reformed Church.

The Congregational Church now located on West Seventh Street and Madison Avenue was organized in Reform Hall on Tuesday evening, September 30, 1879. A previous meeting had been held at the home of Mr. Jacob Kirkner, 441 West Eighth Street who had been interested in the organization of the church and who gave the land on which the church now stands and also the parsonage with the stipulation that no debt should be incurred in erecting the church and that no improvements should be made to the church property except when the money was in hand. Services were at first held in Reform Hall for two years from 1879 to 1881, and from 1881 to 1883, the services were held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at that time located at Madison Avenue and West Fifth Street, now the Whittier School. The present building of the Congregational Church was erected in 1883. Rev. William Manchee was the first pastor, serving from 1879 to 1884. The first deacons were Dr. Titworth, J. S. Powelson, A. J. Clarkson and Theodore Mace. The first Clerk was Mr. Benjamin R. Force and the first trustees were Messrs. S. C. Roney, Jacob Kirkner and George W. Rockefeller, once mayor of Plainfield.

Rev. William Manchee after resigning the pastorate of the Congregational Church served the following pastorates in the Reformed Church: Lodi, N. J., 1884-1887; Hoboken, N. J., 1887-1889; Bayside, Long Island, 1890-1891; Clifton, N. J., 1891-1892; Cherry Hill, N. J., 1891-1893; Guttenberg, N. J., 1894-1917.

III. ORGANIZATION OF TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH

On March 16, 1880, a special meeting of the Classis of Newark was held at which a petition was received, presented by Messrs. William Swalm, William B. Stewart and Theodore Mace for the organization of a Reformed Church in Plainfield. After an extended discussion a committee was appointed composed of Rev. William J. R. Taylor, D. D., Rev. Francis V. Van Vranken, Rev. Henry Vehslage and Elders S. R. W. Heath, John Wharton and Walter Tomkins to make a further investigation and if the way be clear, to organize a Reformed Church.

The committee met in the building now known as Trinity Reformed Church, at that time known as the building of the dissolved First Congregational Church, on March 22, 1880. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Taylor. Rev. Henry Vehslage was appointed secretary. Twenty-two persons were received by letter from the First Congregational Church of Plainfield which was dissolved in the fall of 1879. There were present a number of other persons who were ready to unite with this new church. It was the unanimous concensus of opinion that a Reformed Church should be organized. The committee decided to meet again on March 29, 1880, for the formal organization and for the election and ordination of elders and deacons. The meeting was closed by prayer by Rev. R. D. Van Cleef, D. D., of the South Classis of Bergen.

The Committee of the Classis of Newark met again in the building now known as Trinity Reformed Church on March 29, 1880, for the purpose of organizing a Reformed Church. Prayer was offered by the Rev. F. V. Van Vranken. Twenty-three other persons presented their letters for admission to church membership and these together with the thirty-two who presented letters making a total of fifty-five constituted the charter membership of the church.

The names of the charter members are as follows:

James K. Arnold

Silas H. Baker

Mrs. M. Ammerman

Mrs. Grace Baker

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| Lydia Baker | Mrs. R. Hankerson |
| Almena Baker | Annie Johnson |
| Grace Baker | D. O. Kilbourne |
| James Brand | Mrs. C. V. Kline |
| Sarah Brand | Kate F. Kline |
| Mary Berkaw | Henry Lindsley |
| Mrs. M. E. Burdick | Mrs. Jane Lindsley |
| Sarah A. Crane | Mrs. Lucy A. Marsh |
| Mrs. Sarah J. Dixon | Lizzie Marsh |
| Isaac Gaston | Mrs. J. L. Mundy |
| Catharine E. Gaston | J. Oakley Nodyne |
| Anna Gaston | Edgar F. Randolph |
| Ida Gaston | Mrs. A. Randolph |
| Sheppard L. Stewart | Mrs. Josie M. Runyon |
| Harriet M. Stewart | William B. Stewart |
| William Swalm | G. L. Van Emburgh |
| Mrs. Maria Swalm | John C. Van Dyke |
| Alburtus Swalm | Mrs. Kate Van Dyke |
| Margaretta Swalm | D. G. Van Winkle |
| Mrs. M. R. Ten Eyck | Garret Van Winkle |
| Mary E. Ten Eyck | Mrs. J. V. Van Winkle |
| Mrs. Anna P. Thorn | Susan R. Van Winkle |
| Maretta VanDuyne | Jacob R. Van Winkle |
| Mary B. Gorton | Mrs. E. R. Van Winkle |
| Henry J. Hankerson | Mrs. J. S. Wikoff |

The church selected as its name, Trinity Reformed (Dutch) Church of Plainfield, New Jersey.

At this meeting a consistory was elected consisting of Messrs. Henry Lindsley and George Lyman Van Emburgh as elders and David A. Kilbourne as deacon. A public service immediately followed for the ordination and installation of the consistory. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Henry Vehslage, D. D., and Rev. William J. R. Taylor, D. D., preached the sermon from 1 Thessalonians 5:11-13. Rev. F. V. Van Vranken conducted the ordination and installation of the Consistory and pronounced the benediction. Elder Henry Lindsley was unavoidably absent from this service.

The first meeting of the consistory was held at the home of Elder George Lyman Van Emburgh, 82 East Second Street, on April 9, 1880. Elder Linsdley opened the meeting with prayer. Elder Henry Lindsley was elected President; Elder George Lyman Van Emburgh, Clerk, and Deacon David C. Kilbourne, Treasurer. Elder Van Emburgh was made the primarius delegate to Classis and Elder Lindsley the secundus delegate. Deacon Kilbourne was appointed to secure pulpit supplies and music. It was also proposed to rent by the month the building of the dissolved First Congregational Church as a place of worship.

The first communion service was held on the first Sunday in May, 1880, and was conducted by Rev. William Brownlee Voorhees of Blawenburg, N. J. Seventeen members united with the Church.

The Bible School was organized April 11, 1880, with an enrollment of 62. By the end of the first year, it had grown to 202, with offerings amounting to \$196. The first officers of the school were: Superintendent, Henry Lindsley; Assistant, D. O. Kilbourne; Secretary and Treasurer, Alburtus Swalm; Librarian, Frederick Van Emburgh; Leaders of Music, Miss Etta Van Duyn and Mrs. S. L. Stewart.

The Church was incorporated according to the laws of the State of New Jersey on June 15, 1880. The insignia of the seal of the church was a cross holding a crown. The following is a copy of the certificate of incorporation.

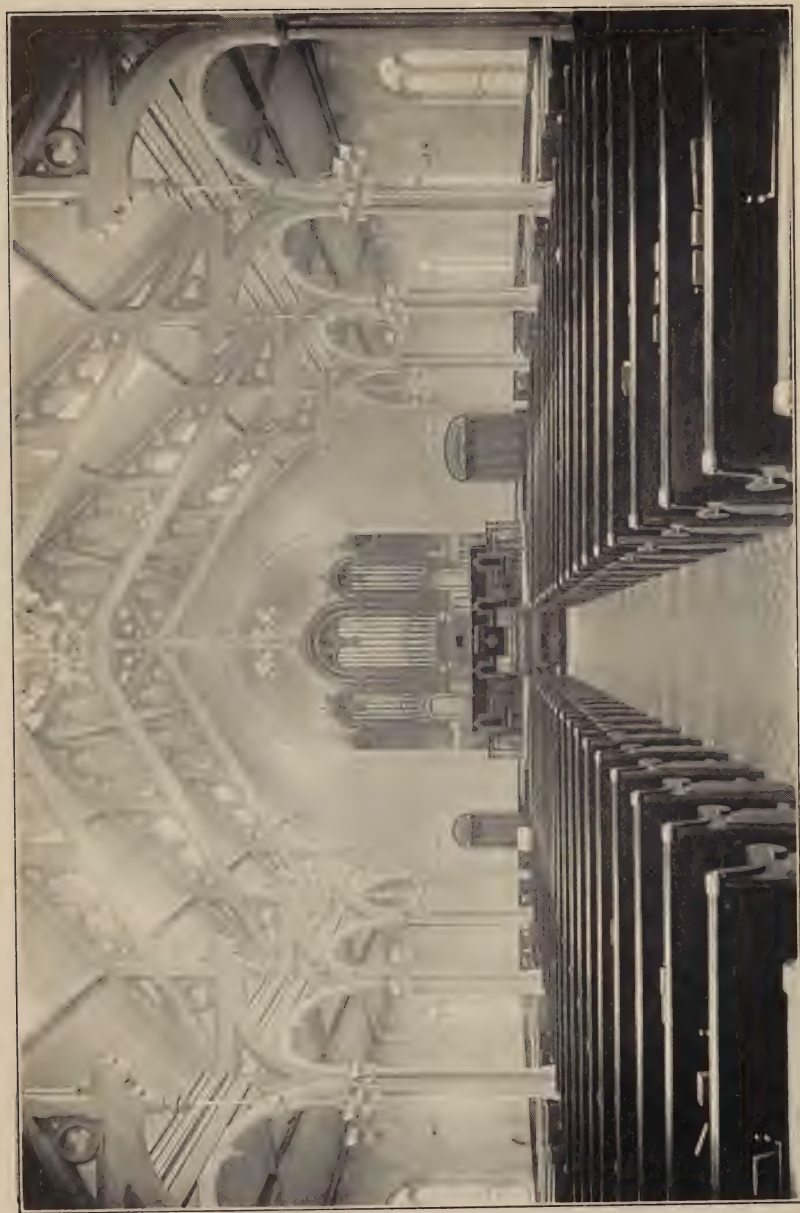
To the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Union:

Whereas the religious society a congregation usually meeting for worship at the church edifice on Second Street between Cherry Street and Madison Avenue in the city of Plainfield in Union County, New Jersey, did assemble at the said place of worship on the 29th day of March, A. D. 1880, and when so assembled did by a majority of votes of such of the said society and congregation as was present elect the undersigned to be trustees of the same.

Now therefore, we the said trustees selected aforesaid do hereby certify that we have taken upon ourselves the name of



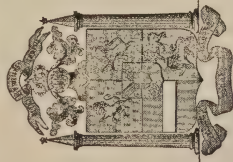
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INTERIOR, TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH IN 1900



PARSONAGE OF TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH



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No. _____

SPECIAL TREASURER. _____

PRESIDENT OF CONSISTORY _____

Mon Engraving Co., N. Y.

SUBSCRIPTION CERTIFICATE, TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH, TOWARD PAYING INDEBTEDNESS

Trinity Reformed (Dutch) Church of Plainfield, New Jersey, and do request this our certificate to be by you recorded according to law.

Witness our hands seal the fifteenth day of June A. D. Eighteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Signed)

GEORGE L. VAN EMBURGH,
H. LINDSLEY,
D. O. KILBOURNE.

The present property was purchased at a Sheriff's sale held in Elizabeth, N. J., on June 23, 1880, the consistory executing a mortgage of \$8,000 in favor of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and to the Rev. John A. Lansing by order of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America for \$4,000. The furnishings were secured through a chattel mortgage of \$2,800 held by Mr. William B. Stewart.

During the early days of this church, Rev. William Henry Campbell, D. D., President of Rutgers College; Rev. Theodore Sandford Doolittle, Professor of Logic, Rutgers College; Rev. John De Witt, Professor of Biblical Literature, New Brunswick Seminary, frequently supplied the pulpit.

On September 17, 1880, a call was extended to the Rev. William H. Gleason, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Newark, but the call was not approved by Classis.

A call was also given to Rev. William Brownlee Voorhees, pastor of the Reformed Church of Blawenburg, but he declined.

An attempt was also made to secure as pastor, Rev. Edward Payson Terhune, D. D., whose wife was known as Marion Harland, the writer, but it was unsuccessful.

IV. PASTORATE OF REV. ANDREW VAN VRANKEN RAYMOND

At a meeting of the consistory at the home of Elder George L. Van Emburgh on January 10, 1881, moderated by Rev. F. V. Van Vranken, a call was extended to the Rev. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond, Pastor of the First Totowa Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J. The call was approved by the Classis of Newark on January 12, 1881. The call was signed by Elders Henry Lindsley, George L. Van Emburgh and David O. Kilbourne.

The installation of the Rev. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond as the first pastor of Trinity Reformed Church was held in the Church on Thursday evening, February 3, 1881, at 7:30. The Rev. George S. Bishop, Pastor of the First Reformed Church, East Orange, as president of Classis presided and read the form of installation. Rev. Samuel Merrill Woodbridge, D. D., L. L. D., Professor of Church History, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, preached the sermon. Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, D. D., delivered the charge to the pastor. Rev. William J. R. Taylor, D. D., pastor of Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., delivered the charge to the congregation.

During his pastorate, a strong constituency was drawn to the church and she soon became known throughout our city as one of the leading churches. Mr. James Hervey Ackerman was a prominent member, whom Dr. Raymond called "one man in a thousand." He must have been a tower of strength during his pastorate. He was a graduate of the class of 1856 of Rutgers College and presented to Kirkpatrick Chapel the hymnals used in the chapel service.

When Dr. Raymond assumed the pastorate, the membership numbered seventy-nine. During his ministry 354 united with the church of which number 148 came on confession of faith. The enrollment of the Bible School grew to 231.

Seventeen years later, on February 27, 1898, at the reopening of the Church after extensive improvements, Dr. Raymond was one of the speakers and referring to his pastorate in Trin-

ity Reformed Church said: "It is a great indescribable pleasure for me to stand in this place today. What memories throng upon me here, tender and sacred memories which I cannot, would not banish, because they are of the best that life has given me. Pardon me for referring to the memories of seventeen years ago. I know you will when I say that those years contain the deepest part of my life.

"We were a feeble folk then. But how strong our faith. There comes to me at this time the memory of a Sunday in 1881, when a small number of us gathered together here to take an offering for foreign missions. There were only seventy-five people in the room, but our offering amounted to \$115. We trusted God and were not confused. Have we lost the faith of those old days, and what men they were in the old days. It is a constant source of pleasure for me to think of the men of God, many of them now dead, who stood by the side of their pastor and upheld his hands."

On February 1, 1882, a chattel mortgage to the amount of \$2,800, held by Mr. William B. Stewart, was paid. The mortgage was raised by liberal subscriptions on the part of the members.

On February 1, 1882, the consistory was enlarged to four elders and four deacons. On April 6, 1882, it was voted to hold the annual congregational meeting for election of members of consistory on the Wednesday evening succeeding the second Sabbath in October.

On Friday evening, July 14, 1882, the church building, organ and furniture were partially destroyed by fire. It was fully covered by insurance adjusted as follows: loss on building of \$1,852, \$2,000 on organ and \$990 on the furniture or a total of \$4,842. The congregation resumed worship in their church building on the third Sunday in October of that year.

On September 11, 1882, it was voted by the consistory that the Communion Services be held in October, December, March and June and this schedule of Communion services has been maintained ever since.

On December 5, 1882, it was voted by the consistory that the "Sacrament of Infant Baptism shall take place on the first Sunday succeeding each administration of the Lord's Supper."

At the suggestion of the pastor, Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, the Ladies' Christian Work Society was organized in April, 1881. Mrs. A. V. V. Raymond served as its first President from 1881 to 1885. Ever since its organization the women of the church have been most active and faithful in building up the church.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized on the evening of October 5, 1885, at the suggestion of the pastor, Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, with 41 members, 29 active, 12 associate. It was the first C. E. Society to be organized in Plainfield. It was the outgrowth of a Young People's Bible Class, meeting on Monday evening and taught by Mr. Frank Morse. The society grew rapidly. One hundred and seventeen new members were received during the next two years. The average attendance during the year 1888 was 81. At one time it was the largest society in the state. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Henry E. Gayle; Vice President, Mr. H. Bolsterle; Secretary, Miss F. Matteson; Treasurer, Miss Emma Gillem.

On July 2, 1883, Rev. Raymond announced to his consistory that he had received a call from the First Church, Albany, N. Y., which he declined to the joy of his congregation.

During Mr. Raymond's pastorate the project of buying the land adjoining on the east side of their property and erecting a chapel thereon, was seriously considered. The Ladies' Christian Work Society offered \$500 for such an improvement, but it was never undertaken.

After having served the church faithfully for a period of six years, Dr. Raymond tendered his resignation to take effect February 1, 1887, having accepted a call to the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Albany, N. Y.

The consistory adopted the following resolutions on January 27, 1887:

Your committee appointed to prepare a minute relating to the dissolution of the pastoral relation now existing, beg leave to submit the following:

Our Pastor having received a call from the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Albany, New York, convened his Consistory and after stating the fact to them requested their help and counsel in deciding the important matter and at a subsequent meeting after prayerful consideration requested his Consistory to unite with him in a petition to Classis for a dissolution of the pastoral relation now existing that he might be free to accept said call. After due deliberation and earnest prayer for light and guidance, we were reluctantly compelled to agree with him in this decision and unite with him in this request to Classis. In so doing we sever a ministerial connection of peculiar usefulness and harmony. Coming to us six years since, the first pastor of our church, he has seen it grow under his administration from a membership of seventy-nine to one of three hundred and sixty-three. Its income for church expenses from a nominal sum to over five thousand dollars; its benevolent contributions that places our church third in our Classis. Unselfish, generous and sympathetic he has endeared himself to all our congregation. Pursuing constantly a wise judicious course he has escaped the trials that so often embitter the pastor's lot, and leaves behind him a harmonious and united church. We do wish to add to this record that the courteous kindness, the hearty sympathy and devoted Christian activity of Mrs. Raymond (his wife) have won the hearts and respect of our people. The influence she has exerted and the impressions formed will long be cherished by us as precious memories. With grateful hearts we make this record of God's dealings with us as a pastor and people. We pray that our Heavenly Father will bless Him in his new field of labor, and grant him an increased measure of usefulness therein, and we assure him our continued prayers, love and respect. Under these conditions of duty and trying circumstances, we give up our beloved pastor and family to the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Albany. May we not in return ask them in Christian sympathy to join their earnest prayer with ours to the Great Head of the Church for guidance in choosing a successor who shall be so adapted to our church work and field of labor, that the cause of Christ in our midst may not suffer

serious loss by reason of the removal of him who has been our under Shepherd.

P. P. VAN ARSDALE,
R. TITSWORTH,
W. D. W. MILLER,
Committee.

At a meeting of the Consistory of Trinity Reformed Church held February 4, 1887, it was ordered that the preceding minute be entered upon the Church books, and that a copy of the same be sent for publication to *The Constitutionalist*, the *Central Times*, the *Christian Intelligencer*, and that a copy also be sent to the session of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Albany, New York.

On September 22, 1918, a memorial tablet was unveiled in memory of the first minister of the church, Rev. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond, D. D., L. L. D., L. H. D. It bears the following inscription:

In Memory of
ANDREW VAN VRANKEN RAYMOND, D. D., L. L. D.
Born August 8, 1854. Died April 5, 1918.
First Minister of this Church
January 1, 1881. February 1, 1887.
A Faithful Pastor
A Preacher of Righteousness.

The tablet was unveiled by the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., who in his Memorial address on the text "He being dead, yet speaketh," Hebrews 11:4 said:

Such is our conception of the life work of the beloved pastor of this church the late Andrew Vranken Raymond, Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Laws.

The following is taken from Dr. Raymond's autobiography: "Andrew Van Vranken Raymond was born at Visscher's Ferry, N. Y., August 8, 1854. He was the son of the Rev. Henry A. Raymond, Class of Yale, 1825, who was a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church. The younger Raymond received his early training at the Troy (N. Y.) High School and with

private tutors. He entered the sophomore class of Union College in 1872 and was graduated in 1875. He then entered the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, being graduated from that institution in 1878, and was ordained in June of the same year. For a period of three years he was the pastor of the First Reformed Church at Paterson, N. J., when in 1881, he became the pastor of Trinity Reformed Church at Plainfield, N. J.

"In 1887 he was called to Albany, N. Y., to accept the pastorate of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of that city, and in January, 1894, was elected President of Union College. After some hesitation, being somewhat reluctant to change the field of his labor, he accepted and was inaugurated, June 26, 1894.

"While engaged in the work of the pastorate he became one of the foremost preachers in his denomination, and because of his administrative abilities important interests of the church were frequently given into his charge.

"He was several times a Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and in 1892 was a Moderator of the General Synod of New York. He had always taken a deep interest in educational and social questions; and in many public addresses, some of which have been published, he had emphasized the importance of the college in the civil and social life of our time.

"He was President of Union College Alumni Association from 1891 to 1894 and made himself thoroughly familiar with college life, its needs and opportunities.

"When he became President of Union he brought to his new work well-matured ideas of educational conditions and possibilities and was ready to put into immediate execution his plans for enlarging the work. New departments were established and the old ones were broadened.

"He was tendered the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo in June, 1907, and accepted that honor in July of that year.

"He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, and received the degree of D. D. from his Alma Mater in 1886. The degree of LL. D., was conferred upon him by Williams College in 1894,

and by the College of South Carolina in 1905. He also received the degree of L. H. D. from Union College in 1908.

"Dr. Raymond was married, September 29, 1879, to Miss Margaret Morris Thomas of Middleville, N. Y., and has three children—Morris Thomas Raymond, who is associated with Arnold & Co., of Albany, N. Y., in the lumber business, Miss Miriam H. Raymond, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Rev. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church at South Wales, N. Y. Mrs. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond died in 1907."

We are particularly interested in his labors in this church. Dr. Raymond was the first pastor of Trinity Church. Our church was organized on March 29, 1880, with fifty-five charter members. During the interim between the organization of the church and the settlement of Dr. Raymond as pastor twenty-four members were received, making the total membership of seventy-nine when he assumed the pastorate.

Dr. Raymond began his labors as the pastor of this church on January 1, 1881, and continued his work until February 1, 1887. Forty-one marriages were solemnized by him. To 95 children and adults the sacrament of baptism was administered. Dr. Raymond inculcated a missionary spirit in his preaching and felt that no church could prosper unless this cause so dear to Christ, was also on their hearts. At his suggestion, the Ladies' Christian Work Society was organized in April, 1881, and has continued in a flourishing condition to be a right hand of strength to the church. During his pastorate the Christian Endeavor Society was organized, on October 5, 1885, and continues to this day to be the oldest, largest and most active in the city. At the beginning of his pastorate the Bible School numbered less than 100. The early days of this church were full of struggles and problems taxed the faith and heroism of the founders and the pastor.

Dr. Raymond, at the time of his death, was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, New York. He had not been well for some time and his church granted him a leave of absence. He went South for his health, accompanied by his daughter, to visit his son, Van Vranken, who was a First

Lieutenant in Company F, 55th Pioneer Infantry, Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C. He was taken ill with acute pleurisy and with a weakened heart. He died suddenly at Tyrone, N. C., on April 5, 1918. He then entered the higher service in the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The funeral was held at Buffalo, and the interment was made in Albany, N. Y. Dr. Raymond was 64 years old.

He was an able and eloquent preacher and a faithful pastor. Some of the most pleasant and finest fellowships of his life were here formed. In this church building all his children were dedicated to God through the covenant of baptism.

His memory is still fragrant and blessed among many who were his parishioners. We cherish and emulate his life and the service he has rendered to the Church and the Kingdom of God. The remembrance of the righteous is in eternity.

A call was issued to the Rev. William W. Knox, Pastor of First Reformed Church, Bayonne, N. J., on March 29, 1887, but he declined it on April 8, 1887.

V. PASTORATE OF REV. CORNELIUS SCHENCK

A special meeting of the consistory of Trinity Reformed Church was held at the home of Rev. John Simonson, Park Avenue and East Fifth Street, on Friday, May 13, 1887, at which a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Pastor of the Fourth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa. The call was signed by the moderator, Rev. John Simonson, Elders P. P. Van Arsdale, W. D. W. Miller, R. R. Field, Alexander Willett; Deacons C. W. Dunham, John H. Van Winkle, D. Van Winkle, Garret Q. Dolliver, T. B. Brown.

Rev. Cornelius Schenck accepted the call on June 7, 1887, and was received as a member of the Classis of Newark on Friday, June 10. A reception was tendered him on Thursday evening, June 23, at the home of Mr. Benjamin A. Hegeman, 120 Sycamore Avenue.

He was installed as pastor by the Classis of Newark on June 30, 1887. The sermon was preached by Rev. William J. R. Taylor, D. D., Pastor of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J. Rev. David Waters, D. D., Pastor of

the North Reformed Church, Newark, charged the pastor, and the Rev. Henry Veshlage, D. D., Pastor of the First Reformed Church, Irvington, charged the congregation.

Rev. Cornelius Schenck was united in marriage on January 26, 1888, to Miss Sarah E. Williams, daughter of John and Jane Williams of Philadelphia. She was a member of the Talmadge Memorial Reformed Church of that city. They had two children, Cornelius Frelinghuysen Schenck, born July 19, 1890, and Harold William Schenck, born July 6, 1892. They lived in a rented house at 325 East Second Street and moved to their new home at 904 West Front Street on March 12, 1895.

During the summer of 1889 Dr. Schenck travelled in Europe.

At the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. Schenck the consistory started a plan for the wiping out of all their mortgage indebtedness. April 23, 1893, was a glorious day for this congregation when the entire mortgage debt of \$12,000 was paid and the mortgage burned. The mortgage debt was incurred at the time of the purchase of the land and church building. It was a memorable and glorious Easter Sunday with skies so bright and all nature rejoicing that at the evening service the glad announcement was made, when the congregation joined heartily in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Mr. Benjamin A. Hegeman, Sr., was the special treasurer of the fund.

A special service of praise commemorating the cremation of the mortgage was held on Sunday morning, April 30, 1893. The music was in charge of Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth, organist, and a quartette composed of Miss E. Krymer, soprano; Miss E. Gillem, alto; T. E. Hazell, tenor; A. J. Moore, bass. With the pastor, Rev. Cornelius Schenck, in the pulpit were Rev. Augustus F. Todd of Dunellen and Rev. Herman Francis Frederick Schnellendreussler. Following the Scripture lesson from Hebrew 13, prayer was offered by Rev. A. F. Todd. Elder George L. Van Emburgh, chairman of the committee, made an interesting financial statement, expressing joy at the accomplishment. Rev. A. F. Todd expressed his hearty congratulations to the consecrated work of the Trinity congrega-

tion. The sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph.D., from the text Psalm 126:3 "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." "It is time," he said, "for fresh consecration to the Master's service. God forbid that we should settle down in apathy and indifference." Mr. E. E. Anthony brought in a jardiniere containing the mortgages and Dr. Schenck consigned the mortgages to the flames while the doxology was sung and as a coincidence the fire gong blew. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. F. F. Schnellendreußler.

REMODELED CHURCH EDIFICE

February 27, 1898, was another memorable day when the congregation assembled in their remodelled church edifice. The work was begun on September 1, 1897, and while the remodeling was in process the services were held in the Y. M. C. A. building. The church building was raised five and one-half feet, the spacious Lecture room, Bible School auditorium, primary room, church parlor, kitchen and pantry and Sunday School library provided and church organ was repaired. The entrances to the church, by providing vestibules, were also changed.

The various contractors were as follows: Architect, Mr. E. W. Gayle of New York; Mason work, Seaman Williams & Company; carpenter work, Charles M. Wilson; raising church edifice, Mr. Henry L. Johns; tinning and roofing, Mr. Robert Jahn; plumbing, Mr. M. Armstrong; heating, Mr. D. S. Dunavan; painting new lecture room, Coriell & Ten Eyck; electric wiring and lighting, Mr. A. D. Phillips; decorating and painting interior of the church, Marsh, Ayers & Company; carpeting church, Mr. S. H. Whitney; upholstering pews, Mr. George R. Schlereth; rebuilding the pipe organ, Medner & Son; flagging sidewalks, Mr. A. Kanes; grading and macadamizing, Mr. George Staats. Mr. Henry E. Gayle, a member of the consistory was the general superintendent of the improvements.

The entire expense of these improvements amounted to about \$9,000. Of this amount one-half was raised by the congregation and the balance of \$4,500 was contributed by Mr. Benja-

min A. Hegeman, Sr., who was the treasurer of the committee on church improvements. Mr. Hegeman was a great benefactor to this church. He united with this church on March 4, 1883, by letter from the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York City. He was born in New York City June 26, 1820. For 29 years he was the general freight agent and traffic manager of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. He died at his home 120 Sycamore Avenue on Monday, November 2, 1903. "He was a man of sterling integrity and great liberality. He gave largely to the benevolent objects of our church and to the current charities of our city. He was carried from the church he loved by tender hands and his body laid to rest in Hillside cemetery."

The dedication services were held on Sunday, February 27, 1898. The service was in charge of the pastor, Rev. Cornelius Schenck. A dedication hymn was written for the occasion by Mr. E. E. Anthony, a member of the consistory. The music was rendered by a chorus of forty voices drilled by Mr. Horace J. Martin, Chairman of the music committee. Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth was the organist. The soloists were Miss Krymer, Mr. Moore and Mr. Horace J. Martin. The service of dedication was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Cornelius Schenck, the congregation uniting in the responses.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond, D. D., President of Union College at Schenectady, N. Y. The text was taken from Psalm 27:4. In referring to the old days, Dr. Raymond said: "Did we ever know a more earnest whole souled Christian than Charles West, J. Hervey Ackerman or George Bainbridge? The newly remodelled building is symbolic of the greater work for the future."

Special services were held at the session of the Bible School at 2:30 at which also Dr. Raymond made an address. At the evening service Dr. Raymond preached from the text John 4:31-34.

Special services were held during the week. On Monday evening Rev. Edward G. Read, D. D., pastor of the Second Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J., preached the sermon. On

Tuesday evening, March 1, 1898, the sermon was preached by Rev. William Justin Harsha, D. D. On Wednesday evening the sermon was delivered by Rev. James F. Riggs.

On Thursday evening, March 3, 1898, a Fellowship Service was held and three minute addresses were given by the pastors of the city churches. Prayer was offered by Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph. D. Dr. Schenck stated that they were proud of their new building only in the sense that it gave them increased facilities for saving souls. Mr. E. E. Anthony, superintendent of the Bible School was in charge of the service and congratulatory addresses were made by Rev. D. J. Yerkes, D. D., pastor of First Baptist Church; Rev. William R. Richards, D. D., pastor of Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rev. John W. Richardson, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church; Rev. W. C. Snodgrass, pastor of First Methodist Church and Rev. Charles L. Goodrich, pastor of the Congregational Church.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the church was suitably celebrated by special services on Sunday, March 26, 1905. At the morning service, the historical sermon was preached by Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph. D. Prayer was offered by Rev. Daniel Rapalje. The music was under the direction of Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth, organist and a large chorus choir of mixed voices. Suspended across the organ was the inscription "So didst Thou lead thy people, 1880-1905."

At the session of the Bible School at 2:30 addresses were made by the former Superintendents, Messrs. George L. Van Emburgh, E. E. Anthony, W. D. W. Miller. Superintendent F. E. Smith presided.

At the evening service, Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, D. D., President of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., preached the sermon. He said that the chief aim of the church was to answer the deep need of the soul and the church must be true to its spiritual mission.

On Wednesday evening, March 29, 1905, a reunion of the congregation was held, brief reports of the various organizations given. Greetings were brought by Rev. E. M. Rodman, Dean of the Plainfield Clergy, followed by a social hour and a reception to the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Cornelius Schenck. Elder Robert Clark, Jr., presided.

On January 1, 1900, the duplex envelopes were introduced for receiving the weekly contributions for church and mission-ary support.

Individual communion cups were first used in October, 1904. In 1902 Dr. Schenck began to wear a gown.

RESIGNATION OF DR. SCHENCK

Lovingly and faithfully did this beloved pastor, Rev. Cornelius Schenck, minister to his devoted and united congregation for a period of 19 years. He was a faithful preacher of the Word, having no uncertain sound and went in and out among this people comforting them in their sorrow and entering into their joys as well. In the early morning of Friday, December 14, 1906, he was stricken with paralysis which made him an invalid. On March 3, 1908, Dr. Schenck sent his resignation as pastor to the consistory to take effect May 1, 1908, owing to continued ill health and inability to perform pastoral duties. The resignation was full of loving words and tender regard for the welfare of the Church and was read to the congregation at the morning service on March 15, 1908, by the Rev. Edward Payson Johnson, D. D., the acting pastor. The congregation was deeply affected. It was reluctantly accepted by the consistory and Rev. Dr. Schenck was made Pastor Emeritus on March 18, 1908, with a salary of \$1,000 a year.

The resignation is as follows:

Plainfield, N. J., March 3, 1908.

To the Consistory of Trinity Reformed Church:

MY DEAR BRETHREN:—More than a year ago I was suddenly laid aside from my work by illness. While improved in

health I am still unable to perform the duties of a pastor. It is not right that so important a charge should remain without pastoral care and oversight; it is not in reason to expect the present arrangement to continue indefinitely.

Therefore I do herewith submit my resignation as pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, the same to take effect May 1, 1908, and I ask that you join with me in a request to the Classis of Newark at its next regular session April 15, 1908, for a dissolution of the relationship existing between the Church and myself.

I congratulate the Consistory and the Church on the loyalty of our people during my absence. You were especially fortunate in securing as pulpit supply Rev. Dr. E. P. Johnson of New Brunswick, whose ministrations have been so helpful and who by his courtesy and consideration has won all our hearts. I assure you that the love and kindness manifested to me and mine in so many ways, not only during the past year, but more than twenty years of my pastorate, will never be forgotten.

Committing dear old Trinity with all its interests to the covenant-keeping God for His blessing, I remain, my dear brethren,

Yours in the love and fellowship of the Gospel of Christ,

CORNELIUS SCHENCK.

At a congregational meeting held on March 18, 1908, the following resolution submitted by the consistory was agreed to, by a standing vote:

"In view of the fact that the Consistory has in hand the resignation of Pastor Schenck, it is our unanimous judgment to make the following recommendations to the Consistory:

"First, that we sadly comply with his request to retire from the active pastorate and respectfully elect him Pastor Emeritus with an annual consideration.

"Second, that endeavor be made by the Church to raise an additional sum for congregational purposes, and extend a call to a pastor.

"Out of sincere love and esteem for pastor Schenck and in remembrance of his long and faithful services for twenty-one

years as our beloved pastor, these recommendations are submitted to the congregation for their present consideration and future guidance."

At the Spring session of the Classis of Newark, held on April 15, 1908, the following action was taken.

A joint request from the Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., and the Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph.D., was presented for action, relieving Dr. Schenck from the active pastorate of Trinity Church of Plainfield at an annual salary of \$1,000 subject to the financial possibilities of the Church. Elder Horace J. Martin of Trinity Church was heard and followed by Dr. James I. Vance and Revs. Oscar Gesner, A. Peter Tulp and Peter K. Hegeman commending the action of the church in providing for the partical financial support of Dr. Schenck.

The committee on the resignation of Dr. Schenck reported as follows: The members of the Classis of Newark take this opportunity to express due affection for their fellow Presbyter the Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph.D., and profound regret that the serious physical infirmity, make impracticable his continuance in the active pastorate. We also record our sincere joy in the expression of love and affection on the part of the Consistory and membership of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, as attested by the generous provisions under which Dr. Schenck shall continue to serve as Pastor Emeritus.

With prayers that God's choicest blessings may now and always attend pastor and people,

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY MERLE MELLON,
Chairman.

Dr. Schenck died at his home 904 West Front Street, Plainfield, N. J., on May 2, 1919. The funeral services were held from the late home on Monday, May 5, 1919, and were conducted by the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D. Burial was made in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

On Sunday morning, February 29, 1920, a memorial tablet was unveiled in Trinity Reformed Church, containing the following inscription:

In loving memory of
REV. CORNELIUS SCHENCK, Ph. D.,
Born September 5, 1856
Died May 2, 1919
Beloved Pastor of this Church
1887-1908
Pastor Emeritus
1908-1919
Faithful and Earnest as a
Preacher and Pastor.

Rev. John Y. Broek, the pastor in his Memorial address at this service said:

Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph. D., was born at Weston, N. J., on September 5, 1856, the son of Josiah J. Schenck and Catherine Stryker Schenck. At this place he spent his boyhood days and afterwards lived in Millstone and in New Brunswick. He came from a godly ancestry. His parents were devout Christians. Losing his father at an early age the heroic sacrifices of his mother made it possible for her to dedicate three of her sons, Jacob W. Schenck, Isaac S. Schenck and Cornelius Schenck, to the gospel ministry. He was thus endowed with spiritual wealth and with an investment of prayer and godly character.

Dr. Schenck graduated from Rutgers College in 1879 and from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1882. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Classis of New Brunswick in the same year. After his graduation from the Seminary, he accepted a call from the Fourth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, and was installed as the pastor of this church and ordained to the gospel ministry by the Classis of Philadelphia. He served that church for five years, from 1882 to 1887.

He preached his first sermon in Trinity Reformed Church on Sunday, May 8, 1887. On May 13, 1887, he was called to the pastorate of this church and was installed as the Pastor by the Classis of Newark on June 30, 1887, succeeding the Rev. An-

drew Van Vranken Raymond, D. D., the first pastor of this church. The sermon was preached on this occasion by the Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D. D., the charge to the pastor was delivered by the Rev. David Waters, D. D., and the charge to the people was given by the Rev. Henry Veshlage, D. D.

Dr. Schenck continued as the pastor of this church in the active work, until stricken by illness on the early morning of Friday, December 14, 1906. He presented his resignation as pastor on March 3, 1908, owing to continued illness, to take effect on May 1, 1908. His resignation was most reluctantly accepted by the consistory and then by united action of consistory, congregation and Classis, he was made the Pastor Emeritus. His resignation was couched in loving words of sublime resignation to the will of God, in thus laying him aside from the active work of the ministry.

It was read to the congregation at the morning service on March 15, 1908, by Rev. Edward Payson Johnson, D. D., professor of Ecclesiastical history in the New Brunswick Seminary, who was the acting pastor.

Dr. Schenck received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for work done.

The church greatly prospered during Dr. Schenck's pastorate, 883 members uniting with the church. The Bible School grew in enrollment from 231 to 748. Societies were active and a deep spiritual life pervaded the congregation. An indebtedness of \$14,000 was paid off and \$10,000 was expended on improvements. Marconnier Chapel became part of this church and it has since developed into an independent Reformed Church, known as Marconnier Reformed Church.

When a good servant of God makes the transition from earth to heaven no eulogy is necessary. His life speaks for itself. No words of mine could add anything to his nobility of life or Christlike character. With Horatius Bonar in his "Everlasting Memorial," we may say :

"Needs there the praise of the love-written record
The name and epitaph graven on the stone
The things that we lived for,—let them be our story
We ourselves but remembered by what we have done."

Dr. Schenck served as Pastor of Trinity Reformed Church for 21 years and for 11 years as Pastor Emeritus. He did a great and a good work. He was greatly beloved by his own congregation and held in the highest esteem by the people of this community.

He loved the church. I distinctly remember a visit with him some three years ago when he was critically ill. After we had prayed and talked together, he expressed the great desire of his heart in these words: "May the church have God's richest blessing." I quote a few concluding paragraphs from the historical sermon preached by him in this church on March 26, 1905, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of this church.

"God alone may be able to trace the connection between the prayers and consecration and piety of the fathers and the effects as they exist today. We do know that no pure word spoken, no humble deed done is ever lost. After all, it is not the time we live, but how we spend it, that tells. Philip James Bailey, in *Festus*, says truly:

"We live in deeds, not years in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs
He most lives
Who thinks most, feels noblest, acts the best."

"And now whatever the past may reveal as we consider it; whatever lessons it may teach in the way of inspiration and instruction, our faces must be toward the future. The golden age is not in the past, the best has not yet been. Neither the church nor the world has reached its zenith; and as individuals we have not yet attained 'unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.'"

"How much there is in the glorious yesterday to inspire and hearten us; how much there is in the more glorious tomorrow to invite us forward. The opportunities were never so many, the way never so open, the calls never so imperious as now."

Dr. Schenck was a faithful preacher of the whole counsel of God. He was ever conscious of his faith in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ. It was his joy to be an ambassador of Christ and to preach the "unsearchable riches" in Him for so many years. He led many souls into the Christian life through his ministry.

He was a faithful shepherd of the flock. He went in and out among his people counselling them in their perplexities and bringing comfort to many a bereaved home in the hour of sorrow.

He was one of the honored and esteemed ministers of the Reformed Church in America, held in loving remembrance by all who knew him. The influence of his godly life will abide and live in the hearts of those who knew him best and loved him for his Christian character.

During the many years of his affliction, he manifested great patience. He was fully resigned to the will of God. He was cheerful. His faith in Christ sustained him. He had no fear of death. He only awaited the Master's call.

His work on earth is over. He received the summons to enter the higher service above. His end was peaceful. He "fell asleep in Jesus." While God takes the worker to his reward, the work goes on. May we, as a church, give ourselves anew to the task which he undertook with greater devotion and consecration.

His helpmate ministered with him in such loving devotion during the years of his active ministry and the long period of his enforced illness. It was their joy to see both of their sons honored in their professions. The elder son served as a deacon in this church. The younger son, Rev. Harold William Schenck, chose the gospel ministry and is at present the pastor of the Franklin Reformed Church, Nutley, N. J. The promises of scriptures have thus been fulfilled, "instead of thy fathers, shall be thy children."

Farewell, brother, thou hast fought a good fight, thou hast finished thy course and we believe that thou hast obtained the crown.

Mrs. Cornelius Schenck passed to her eternal reward on Thursday evening, June 14, 1928, at St. Mary Hospital, Passaic, N. J., in her 73rd year. The funeral services were held at the home of her son, Mr. Cornelius Frelinghuysen Schenck, 33 Coeymans Avenue, Nutley, N. J., on Monday, June 17, 1928, and were conducted by Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D. Burial was made in the family plot in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

Dr. Broek in his funeral address paid the following tribute to Mrs. Schenck :

If there is any epitaph which I should write for Mrs. Cornelius Schenck, it would be those beautiful words of commendation, uttered by the Master many years ago, when in praise for a woman's beautiful service, He said, "She hath done what she could." This was the striking characteristic of this life which was pre-eminently one of service. All who knew her and loved her will voice this note of praise.

It was true in the Christian home which she graced as a Christian mother. No sacrifice was too great, no burden was too heavy. She gave of herself even beyond physical strength and endurance. We erect tablets for heroic deeds and the spectacular, but here was a heroine in the home giving herself for others, her praises unsung and her work often unnoticed. Her friends and her children rise up today and call her blessed.

She did what she could for her Church and for her Saviour. Her love for her Lord was so intense, so warm and so earnest. In Trinity Church, Plainfield, where practically her entire married life was spent, how wrapped up she was, with her devoted husband, for the upbuilding of Christ's Church. The memory of her beautiful deeds is still so fresh and fragrant. Like Dorcas of old, she busied herself with and was ever a friend to the poor and needy.

She has done what she could in her loyal testimony to Christ. What a depth there was to her Christian faith and character. Out of that rich Christian experience and faith in her Lord arose the mighty, the beautiful and loving deeds of service.

She has left an everlasting memorial in the hearts of those whom she called friend. For every one in Christ was her friend. It is the finest way to live. Her life was worth living. She made it easier for others to follow Christ. She will be remembered by what she has done.

VI. ACTING PASTORATE OF REV. EDWARD PAYSON JOHNSON, D. D.

During the interim of the illness of the former pastor and the installation of the present pastor dating from December 16, 1906, to November 23, 1908, the pulpit was most ably supplied by Rev. Edward Payson Johnson, D. D., professor of Church History in the New Brunswick Theological Seminary. During the two years of his ministry, Dr. Johnson endeared himself to this people by his eloquent sermons and by his kind and loving ways.

Dr. Johnson entered the higher service at his home in Seminary Place, New Brunswick, N. J., on May 31, 1924.

Dr. Johnson was the son of Rev. Asa Johnson and was born in Peru, Indiana, January 26, 1850. He was graduated from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, in the class of 1871, and from Auburn Theological Seminary in 1875. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Cayuga in 1874 and ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Presbytery of Troy in 1875.

Dr. Johnson served the Presbyterian Churches of Sandy Hill, New York, from 1875 to 1879; Marshall, Michigan, from 1879 to 1886; Woodlawn Park, Chicago, from 1886-1890. He was called to the pastorate of the First Reformed Church, Albany, New York, in 1891, and served for sixteen years until 1906. During his pastorate, Governor Theodore Roosevelt was one of his parishioners. In 1906 he was elected by the General Synod, Professor of Sacred and Ecclesiastical history and church government in the New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Dr. Johnson received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Rutgers in 1896. In 1899 he published three historical sermons embracing 250 years of historical review of the First

Reformed Church, Albany, New York. He also served on the committee for the preparation of the hymnal of the Reformed Church.

He left his widow, a daughter, Margaret, and a son, Edward, who is an instructor in Rutgers College.

The funeral services were held at his home, Seminary Place, New Brunswick, N. J., on June 3, 1924, and were conducted by Rev. Louis Halsey Holden, D. D., pastor of the Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, and by the Rev. John H. Raven, D. D., of the Seminary. Burial was made at Troy, New York.

The Consistory adopted the following resolutions on Dr. Johnson:

In the passing away so suddenly of Rev. Edward Payson Johnson, D. D., Professor of Sacred and Ecclesiastical History at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, on May 31, 1924, the Consistory of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, New Jersey, desires to express this tribute of esteem to his life and character.

Dr. Johnson served this church most acceptably as Stated Supply for a period of two years in 1907 and 1908, during the illness of the late minister, Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph. D., and prior to the coming of the present pastor. He endeared himself to this congregation by his gospel message, his kindly ways, his friendliness and his helpful counsel. The very happy relations of that period have been rekindled during the passing years by frequent visits to this church, and by participation in public worship from time to time. The last occasion of such a memorable meeting was only six weeks before his death. His presence always brought a benediction and many in our congregation looked upon him as a former pastor, a true friend, a guide in perplexity and a comforter in sorrow. His influence still abides and the fragrance of his consecrated life continues as a refreshing memory and inspiration.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family. May the Divine comfort be their strength and stay.

We desire further that a copy of this tribute be placed upon our minutes, published in our church calendar and in the *Christian Intelligencer*, and that a copy be sent to the family.

This action was taken by the Consistory in regular session on the eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

JOHN Y. BROEK, Minister,
WILBUR E. MOKE, Clerk,
FREDERICK E. SMITH,
HENRY E. GAYLE,
Committee.

VII. PASTORATE OF REV. JOHN Y. BROEK, D. D.

Rev. John Y. Broek was called to the pastorate of this church at a congregational meeting held on October 21, 1908. He was at that time the pastor of the Grand Avenue Reformed Church, Asbury Park, N. J. He had preached in Trinity Church on July 26 and October 11, 1908.

The report of the consistory on calling Mr. Broek was presented to the congregation by Mr. F. E. Smith and Mr. B. Frank Coriell moved the adoption of the report which was a unanimous action. Commenting upon the call of the consistory in my Tenth Anniversary Sermon, I stated:

I accepted the call to this pastorate on October 24, 1908, and was installed as the pastor on November 23, 1908. When I was told as to the manner in which I was made the choice to be called to the pastorate of this church, I really felt that it must be a call directed by God. This thought will always be a very precious memory to me. On the night that the members of the consistory met to make a selection from the candidates, I am told that before any discussion was held, each member knelt down in prayer and audibly asked God for guidance in his decision. Each member then wrote the name of his choice on on a ballot with the result that all ballots read for your present pastor. No matter how strong the ties were in a former pastorate or how happy the relationships, any one spiritually minded must believe that a call issued with such earnest prayers

for guidance, must be a call from God. There was, therefore, only one thing I could do with the call, and that was to accept it.

The call was moderated by Rev. Henry Merle Mellen of Christ Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., and was signed by Elders Albert L. Force, Robert Clark, Jr., George L. Van Emburgh, Frederick E. Smith, Horace J. Martin, Henry E. Gayle. Deacons Edgar F. Sheppard, Charles M. Dolliver, Manning F. Gano, Alfred K. Willett, William F. Oliver. On November 7, 1908, the call was approved by the Classis of Newark at a special meeting held in the North Reformed Church, Newark. Mr. Broek was also received as a member of Classis by letter from the Classis of Monmouth.

Mr. Broek preached his farewell sermon to the congregation of the Grand Avenue Reformed Church, Asbury Park, N. J., on Sunday, November 22, 1908. At the morning service he stated: "Wherever I go I shall remember my first pastorate. These two years have brought much happiness to me." At the evening service he preached his final service to a congregation that completely filled the church on the theme: "The Absolute Certainties of our Religion and Faith," the text being taken from Philipians 3:10, "That I may know Him."

He was installed as the pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., on Monday evening, November 23, 1908. The church was completely filled. The service required two hours. Rev. A. Peter Tulp, pastor of the New York Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, presided as the president of the Classis of Newark. Music was rendered by the quartette choir composed of Miss S. Etta Raybert, soprano; Miss Winifred S. Carroll, contralto; Mr. Frederick S. Cutter, bass; Mr. Edmund D. Young, tenor, with Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth, organist. The Scripture Lesson from Romans 12 was read by Rev. Dr. John A. Chambliss, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Edward G. Read offered prayer.

The sermon was preached by the pastor's brother, Rev. Albertus T. Broek, D. D., pastor of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., from Romans 12:1-2. He said: "Jesus Christ did not redeem the world sitting in a palace, but

while suffering on the cross. We should be willing to give ourselves as a sacrifice, acceptable unto God. It must be a willing sacrifice and a perpetual one. We must surrender all to God."

Rev. A. Peter Tulp conducted the installation service according to the Liturgy of the Reformed Church and declared that in the name of the Classis the pastoral relation between the Rev. John Y. Broek and Trinity Reformed Church had been fully constituted.

The charge to the minister was delivered by Rev. Dr. James I. Vance, pastor of the North Reformed Church, Newark. Dr. Vance said: "My dear brother, I charge you to be an optimist in your ministry. Strike the note of hope. I charge you to be a prophet and have a message. I charge you to be a worker and a doer and not a preacher solely. I charge you to be a seer and make your church a missionary one."

The charge to the people was delivered by Rev. Edward Payson Johnson, D. D., Professor of Church History, New Brunswick Theological Seminary. He said: "Co-operate with your pastor. If you should bear him down with more duties than you should, he may struggle along without a collapse, but I pray you that you will take some other course. I beseech you to think something more of your pastor than a hired man and something less than a glorified saint. Co-operate with him and he will give you the best service."

The benediction was pronounced by the newly-installed pastor.

Among the pastors of the churches of the city present at the installation were Rev. Dr. John S. Zelig of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church; Rev. Dr. A. C. McCrea of the First M. E. Church; Rev. J. W. Musson of Faith Chapel; Rev. Ora J. Shoop of Grace M. E. Church; Rev. L. R. Howard of Hope Chapel, and Rev. Edwin Shaw of the Seventh-Day Baptist Church.

In his Tenth Anniversary Sermon Dr. Broek speaking of his first sermon said:

"And clearly do I remember my introductory or first sermon as your pastor. I confess that it was with some fear and trepi-

dation that I entered the pulpit and was greeted with an audience that taxed the seating capacity of this church. The text of that sermon was taken from 1 Samuel 10:26: "And there went with him a band of men whose hearts God had touched." In this sermon I stated that the conditions of a successful church were leadership, organization, co-operation, and the spiritual touch. We may have leadership, organization, and co-operation in any society, but these characteristics do not make it a church. The condition of membership in the church is regeneration. Members must be touched by the spirit of God. That spiritual touch is energizing, beautifying and transforming."

In the concluding remarks of that sermon I stated that: "I have often thought during the past week why I have come to this church. I have but one resolve and that is to do my best by God's help. There is a certain thrill of inspiration in beginning a new work. You have welcomed me gladly and readily. But there is also a deep feeling of my responsibility that rests upon me. But then I take courage in the fact that I am not working alone, but I know you are going to help me. I take added courage by the thought that not by our combined efforts of pastor and people is our work to be a success. God must be our partner and God must be our helper, and that is the only true condition of the successful church.

"If dear old Trinity is to advance, whose record has been made so glorious by the faithful and loving ministry of my godly predecessor in this pulpit, then our advance and progress must be upon our knees. Not one step dare we take alone without God. 'With God, across the seas, but without God, not across the threshold.'"

I turned to the account given of that service in the local paper: "Crowded to the very doors was the size of the congregation that greeted the Rev. John Y. Broek, the new pastor of Trinity Reformed Church yesterday morning, while he in turn delivered to his first hearers a most eloquent and practical sermon. All who heard the brilliant young man were impressed with his ability and earnestness." Quite generous enough.

A reception was tendered Rev. Mr. Broek on December 1, 1908, in the church parlors. Over four hundred were present. Miss S. Etta Raybert and Mr. Frederick S. Cutter sang two selections. Elder Robert Clark, Jr., introduced Rev. Dr. Charles E. Herring of the First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Charles L. Goodrich of the Congregational Church who welcomed the pastor to the city.

At the first communion service conducted by the pastor on December 6, 1908, twenty-three new members were received, nineteen on confession and four by letter.

ADOPTION OF OWN MISSIONARY

The missionary interest was augmented by the adoption of Dr. Paul W. Harrison as our own missionary. The matter was first suggested to our congregation by Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer on a visit to this church on Sunday evening, January 24, 1909. It was afterwards presented by the pastor to the consistory who adopted the plan and appointed a general committee consisting of Mr. F. E. Smith representing the Bible School; Mrs. Frank E. Woodruff of the Missionary Committee of the Bible School; Mrs. Henry Van Name of the Home Department; Mrs. A. L. Force of the Ladies' Christian Work Society; Miss Harriet Randall of the Christian Endeavor Society; Mr. Lawrence H. French of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society; Mr. Harold W. Schenck of the Boys' Mission Band; Miss May Randolph of the Mission Study Class; Mrs. L. S. Smith of the Young Women's Mission Band; Mr. Robert Clark, Jr., of the consistory; Mr. Henry P. Seader and Mr. Floyd T. Woodhull of the congregation; Rev. Cornelius Schenck, pastor emeritus; Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale of Marconnier Chapel and the pastor Rev. John Y. Broek.

Sunday, April 18, 1909, was again a glorious day for our church. Dr. Zwemer was with us and gave an inspiring message. "Our missionaries are not trying to convert the world," said Dr. Zwemer, "but their aim is to establish churches, light-houses and centres of light. The light that shines farthest, shines brightest at home. I am glad that this church has caught

the vision of the forward movement. You have already seen its effect on the home church."

Rev. Broek supplemented Dr. Zwemer's remarks by giving a brief review of the history of the movement and then called for pledges. When the pledges were received it was found that a total of \$1,013 had been pledged while \$700 was only needed. The announcement by Rev. Broek brought tears of joy to the eyes of Dr. Zwemer. At the suggestion of Pastor Broek the Doxology was sung.

Dr. Paul W. Harrison is the son of a Congregational minister, Rev. M. B. Harrison. He is a graduate of Nebraska University, 1905, and of John Hopkins Medical, 1908. He received his appointment from the Board of Foreign Missions as a missionary to Arabia on January 26, 1909. He visited our church on July 18, 1909, and united with this church by letter on December 5, 1909, from the Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

A service of consecration and farewell was held in this church on Friday evening, January 28, 1910. The charge to Dr. Harrison was delivered by Rev. J. Preston Searle, D. D., of the New Brunswick Seminary. The prayer of consecration was offered by the Rev. John Y. Broek in which he invoked God's richest blessing ever to rest upon Dr. Harrison while he was kneeling before the pulpit, with Rev. Broek's hand resting upon him. A congratulatory address to the congregation upon their forward step was given by Rev. Stuart Nye Hutchinson, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J. Greetings from Arabia were presented by Rev. F. J. Barny, a missionary to Arabia who declared that the people of Arabia will be certain to extend a cordial welcome to a medical man.

Dr. Harrison left Plainfield at 7:55 A. M. on Saturday, January 29, 1909. He was presented with a traveling bag containing seventy letters prepared by Mrs. William A. Woodruff. At the station a large number of Trinity members were present to bid him good bye. He was accompanied to the steamship by the Rev. John Y. Broek. He sailed on the steamship Berlin of the North German Lloyd Line for Bombay, India.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONSISTORY

At a meeting of the consistory held on December 9, 1909, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Our pastor, Rev. John Y. Broek, has just completed his first year's work as pastor of this church; and,

Whereas, This year has been marked by many evidences of renewed activities in our church life; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this consistory recognizes with extreme gratitude the Divine guidance which led to the issuing of a call to Rev. John Y. Broek to become the pastor of this church and his acceptance of the call; and be it also

Resolved, That this consistory desires to record its appreciation of the zeal, untiring energy and unflagging interest of our pastor in this church, which has resulted in renewed activities all through our church work, especially in the accession of our 60 new members, the establishment of a new branch of our denomination at Netherwood through his efforts, and the adoption by this congregation of its own missionary to the foreign field, Dr. Paul W. Harrison who is so soon to start for Arabia; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread in full upon the Minutes of consistory.

A. L. FORCE,
H. J. MARTIN,
F. E. SMITH,
Committee.

IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITION TO THE BIBLE SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM.

During the months of June and August, 1910, extensive alterations, repairs and improvements were made to the church edifice. The exterior of the church received a coat of paint. The interior was redecorated and a new carpet was laid and new pulpit furniture installed. An addition of twelve feet was built to the Bible School building to make room for this growing department of our work. The Building and Improvement Committee consisted of Messrs. Henry E. Gayle, A. L. Force,

A. K. Willett, F. E. Smith, M. F. Gano. Finance Committee Rev. John Y. Broek, F. E. Smith, A. L. Force, B. Frank Coriell. Organ Committee, Horace J. Martin, Charles M. Doliver, Robert Clark, Jr., F. S. Cutter, A. L. Titsworth. Contracts were given to Wiliam C. Smith, mason work; John H. Cose, slating; James C. Hansen, painting exterior and interior; A. M. Griffin, plumbing and tinning.

The congregation worshipped again in their improved church edifice on Sunday, September 11, 1910. The welcome to Rev. Broek upon his home coming from vacation was extended by one of the largest congregations ever present in the edifice. Dr. Broek before the sermon thanked every one individually and collectively, the membership, the consistory, the building committee, the Ladies' Christian Work Society, the organ committee and the sexton for the improvements made. He preached a short sermon from the text Psalm 122:1.

The dedication of the Bible School auditorium was held on Sunday afternoon, September 18, 1910. The dedication was conducted by the pastor, Rev. John Y. Broek according to the Liturgy of the Reformed Church, the congregation arising and uniting in the responses in the act of dedication. The address was made by Rev. Royal A. Stout, pastor of the Netherwood Reformed Church. The invocation was offered by Rev. Edward G. Read, D. D., Miss Adele Freeman sang a solo and Mr. E. D. Young rendered a cornet solo. Miss May Randolph presided at the piano. The pastor-emeritus, Rev. Cornelius Schenck was also present. Superintendent F. E. Smith was in charge and Mr. Horace J. Martin led the singing. There was an attendance of 470 teachers and pupils and 40 visitors a total of 510.

The total cost of all improvements was \$6,714. A small debt of \$1,674 was wiped out by the public burning of a note at the annual meeting held on April 18, 1917.

FORCE MEMORIAL ORGAN.

On March 12, 1911, the beautiful sweet-toned pipe organ was presented to Trinity Reformed Church by Elder Albert Lewis Force and his daughter, Mrs. Lillian A. Force Wil-

liams in memory of Clara M. Force, who died December 3, 1909. For twenty-four years she had been a faithful member and active worker in the Church. A plate bearing the following inscription was placed on the organ.

To the Praise of God and in

Loving memory of

CLARA M. FORCE

A devoted wife and mother

December, 1910

ALBERT L. FORCE

LILLIAN A. FORCE

Every pew in the large edifice was occupied. A musical program was elaborately rendered under direction of the organist, Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth, and the quartette consisting of Miss S. Etta Raybert, soprano; Mrs. Byard Hutchinson, contralto; Mr. Fred S. Cutter, bass; Mr. Edmund D. Young, tenor.

The organ was presented to the Church by the Rev. Edward Payson Johnson, D. D., who said: "A noble place has music and a divine right in the worship of our Christian Churches. It may often add to the spoken appeal a persuasive pathos or subtle and resistless power.

"The sainted wife and mother, our sainted sister, lived out her life, steadfast in faith, I have declared unto you. She knew in her soul that God always speaks to his people in the majestic music of His house and graciously enables them prevailing to plead with Him. There is an eminent fitness, therefore that such a memorial gift in affectionate remembrance of such a joyous, warm-hearted, singing ever faithful Christian woman, should be offered by her husband and daughter for consecration to the glory and high praise of our God. So, my brother at their wish and in their names I now present this noble organ to you and to your people. By its tuneful ministry in years to come may it often remind you of the Christian faith and love of the three, so truly one, of her now busied in the service of the upper sanctuary, while the other two join with you still in every good work of your church life. Always may this great instrument of praise speak to you all and pre-

vail with you all for Him who is far lifted up above our praise."

In accepting the organ Rev. Mr. Broek said: "On behalf of the consistory and congregation of this Church, I accept this beautiful pipe organ from Mr. Albert L. Force and his daughter, Lillian A. Force. It is becoming that we should express our hearty thanks for this magnificent gift. We appreciate what it means for the future worship in this church and for that reason we prize it.

"It is given in memory of one who for twenty-four years was a devoted worker in Christ's Church. She gave her best service to the Master and was constant in her attendance upon the various services. Her life was precious among us and beloved by us all. But more than that her life was precious in the sight of the Master whom she served and adored, and it is inspiring that there should be placed to her memory this beautiful instrument. She has gone into the presence of the King and today we realize that for those who mourn her and for those who loved her there awaits a warm welcome from her into the Master's joy."

The sermon was preached by the Rev. John Y. Broek on "The Praises of Zion," Psalm 22:25, in which he declared that from the beginning of history music had played a large part in the growth of religion and in the preparation of the soul for for salvation.

The dedication of the organ was adopted from the Liturgy of the Reformed Church and was conducted by the Rev. John Y. Broek, the congregation uniting in the Apostles' Creed and the responses.

The program of the service was as follows:

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

- (a) "Antienne"Edward Batiste
- (b) "Magnificat in D minor"Edmond Lemaigre
- Doxology, "Old Hundred"Gillaume Franc
- Sentence, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"G. F. Root
- Invocation

Lord's Prayer

Salutation

Commandments

Response

Psalter, Psalm 150Rev. Dr. Edward Payson Johnson

Gloria.....D. E. Davis

Anthem, "Good Shall Wipe Away All Tears".....J. T. Field

Scripture

Anthem, "Hark, Hark, My Soul"Harry Rowe Shelley

Presentation of Organ.....Rev. Dr. Edward Payson Johnson

Acceptance of Organ.....Rev. John Yonker Broek

Dedicatory Hymn, 781, 4 vs., "For All the Saints Who
From Their Labors Rest"

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

(Adapted from the Liturgy of the Reformed Church)

The Minister shall say :

Dearly beloved in the Lord: God, our Heavenly Father, having in His grace, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, brought to its consummation the work of installing a new Memorial Organ for His worship, and the honor of His Holy Name; we are now gathered in His holy presence for the purpose of devoting it by a solemn act of worship to its proper and sacred use. I call upon you, therefore, to arise, and before the Lord to unite in this act of dedication, confessing first, devoutly, our holy faith.

Here the congregation shall rise.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth :

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost ; The Holy Catholic Church ; The Communion of Saints ; The Forgiveness of Sins ; The Resurrection of the body ; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Then the Minister shall offer the Prayer of Dedication, the People uniting audibly in the responses :

Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord God Almighty, who art, and wast, and art to come, the whole earth is full of Thy glory. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty ; for all that is in the heaven and the earth is Thine. Now, therefore, we thank Thee, O God, and praise Thy Glorious Name.

But who are we, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort ? For all things come of Thee, and of Thine own do we give Thee. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build Thee an instrument of music for the praise of Thy holy Name, cometh of Thine hand and is all Thine own.

Now behold, O Lord our God, and look unto this place where we are gathered in Thy Name : and have respect to the prayer of Thy servants and to their supplications, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which Thy servants pray before Thee this day, to take this Memorial Organ for Thy glory and the highest uses of Thy Church.

Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

To Thee we dedicate it.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father who art in heaven,

To Thee we dedicate it.

Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father, Head of the body, which is the Church ; Head over all things to the Church ; Prophet, Priest, and King of Thy people,

To Thee we dedicate it.

God, the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and Son ; given to be our abiding Teacher, Sanctifier and Comforter ; Lord and Giver of Life,

To Thee we dedicate it.

Arise, O Lord, into Thy Rest, Thou and the ark of Thy strength. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness and let Thy people shout for joy. Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to appropriate and devote this new adornment of Thy House to holy uses.

Grant, we beseech Thee, to accompany with Thy blessing the music of this Sanctuary, that it be a means of grace to those who worship here; and that, enjoying the benefits of this pious work, they may show forth true thankfulness in word and deed.

May the songs of Zion rise to new heights of adoration, and may the music of this earthly tabernacle prepare Thy servants to sing Thy praises in that heavenly temple, of which the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the light.

We ask and offer all in the name of Thy Son, our Saviour to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory and honor, World without end. Amen.

PrayerRev. Dr. Edward Payson Johnson
Response—"The Lord's Prayer"Chas. H. Hoyt
Hymn 617—"If Through Unruffled Seas."

Offertory—"He Giveth His Beloved Sleep." (Miss
Raybert)Joseph Roeckel
Offertory Prayer.

Sermon—"The Praises of Zion."

Anthem—"Sing Alleluia Forth"Dudley Buck
Prayer.

Hymn 776—"The Church's One Foundation."

Benediction.

Organ Postlude—"Triumphal March in D"....Dudley Buck

The following is the scheme of the organ:

SCHEME OF THE ORGAN.

(Constructed by Tallman Organ Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.)

Two manuals of 61 notes each, and pedals of 30 notes.

GREAT ORGAN.

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| 8 ft. Open diapason, No. 1..... | metal, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Open diapason, No. 2 | metal, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Viola di gamba | metal, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Dulciana | metal, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Melodia | wood, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Doppel flute | wood, 61 pipes |
| 4 ft. Octave | metal, 61 pipes |
| 4 ft. Flute d'amour | metal, 61 pipes |
| 2 ft. Super octave | metal, 61 pipes |
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| Total | 549 pipes |

SWELL ORGAN.

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| 16 ft. Bourdon treble | wood, 61 pipes |
| 16 ft. Bourdon bass | wood, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Open diapason | metal and wood, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Salicional | metal, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Aeoline | metal, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Vox celeste | metal, 49 pipes |
| 8 ft. Stopped diapason | wood, 61 pipes |
| 4 ft. Violina | metal, 61 pipes |
| 4 ft. Flute harmonic | metal, 61 pipes |
| 3 rk. Dolce Cornet | metal, 183 pipes |
| 8 ft. Oboe | metal, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Cornopean | metal, 61 pipes |
| 8 ft. Vox humana | metal, 61 pipes |
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| Total | 842 pipes |

PEDAL ORGAN.

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| 16 ft. Open diapason | wood, 30 pipes |
| 16 ft. Bourdon | wood, 30 pipes |
| 8 ft. Violincello | metal, 30 pipes |
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| Total | 90 pipes |

MECHANICAL REGISTERS.

Great to pedal coupler.
 Swell to pedal coupler.
 Swell to great coupler, unison.
 Swell to great coupler, unison.
 Swell tremulant.
 Bellows signal.
 Wind indicator for organist.
 Grand crescendo pedal indicator.

PEDAL MOVEMENTS, ETC.

Forte combination, great organ.
 Piano combination, great organ.
 Forte combination, swell organ.
 Piano combination, swell organ.
 Great to pedal coupler, reversible.
 Grand crescendo pedal, effecting stops 1 to 25.
 Balanced swell pedal.

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| Great organ, 9 stops | 549 pipes |
| Swell organ, 12 stops | 842 pipes |
| Pedal organ, 3 stops | 90 pipes |

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| Total | 1481 pipes |
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Keyboard and registers are arranged so as to give the greatest facility to the performer; the manuals are ivory-faced and projecting; pedals capped with tubular pneumatic for pedals and drawknobs patent oblique faced.

Tracker pneumatic action for manuals, tubular pneumatic for pedal and drawstops.

American Organists Guild pedal keyboard. International pitch.

On January 16, 1910, the first issue of the church calendar made its appearance which has proven so helpful and practically indispensable to this large congregation.

Beginning in the Fall of 1912 Communicants' cards were mailed to every member of the church for the Communion ser-

vice and this has proven helpful in keeping the church in touch with its large membership.

On June 14, 1914, an every-member canvass of the congregation was undertaken for church and missionary purposes by 25 teams composed of two men each. The canvass met with great success.

During July and August, 1913, the pastor, Rev. John Y. Broek took a trip to Europe, visiting England, Scotland, Holland, Germany and France.

This church participated in the Dr. William E. Biederwolf Evangelistic campaign of the churches of Plainfield, from April 9, 1916, to May 22, 1916. It is estimated that the total attendance at all the services was 226,500. The total number of decisions for Christ were 11,943, reconsecrations 3,043, children 333. The services were held in a specially constructed tabernacle on Giraud Avenue. As a result of the campaign, at the communion service held in Trinity Church on June 4, 1916, 133 new members were received into the membership by the pastor, Rev. John Y. Broek.

The marriage of the Rev. John Y. Broek to Miss Florence Brewster Tubbs, born in New York City, daughter of the late William Tubbs and Sarah F. Wood Tubbs took place in the West End Collegiate Church, Seventy-seventh Street and West End Avenue, New York City, on October 17, 1916. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry Evertson Cobb, D. D., now the Senior Minister of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York, assisted by the pastor's brother, Rev. Albertus T. Broek, D. D. I owe much of my success to Mrs. Broek who by her wise counsel and deep interest has been a constant inspiration to me. They have one daughter, Margaret Shotwell Broek, born at 519 Central Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., on December 9, 1918, baptized in Trinity Church by her father on June 8, 1919, and received into full communion on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1928. She is receiving her education at the Hartridge school. Mrs. Broek united with Trinity Church by letter from the Collegiate Reformed Church of New York City on December 1, 1916.

On April 1, 1922, the parsonage at 633 West Seventh Street was purchased at a cost of \$11,500 from Mrs. Louis L. Kimball. The house was erected by Rev. Abram Herbert Lewis, D. D., LL.D., pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. The property is beautifully located on the corner of West Seventh Street and Irving Place on a plot 73x220 feet. The house is divided into ten commodious rooms. In April, 1924, repairs were made to the exterior of the manse and during the summer of 1924, hardwood floors were laid on the first floor and the rooms of the lower floor redecorated. In the fall of 1925 a garage was erected at an approximate cost of \$1,000 and the new hot water system of heating was also installed. In the summer of 1929 a cement walk was laid on Irving Place.

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO THE INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH

During the summer of 1924 extensive improvements to the interior of the church building were made, including the installation of a new heating plant of the most up-to-date twin boiler steam system; a new cork tile floor covering was laid which is the latest and most improved covering for floors in large auditoriums. The walls of the auditorium were redecorated and the woodwork retouched and varnished. A new and modern lighting system was installed and the auditorium was rewired, and the old glass chandeliers were removed. Many sundry repairs were also made to the Bible School room, concreting retaining walls in the cellar with concrete floor and an ash removal shaft.

The building committee was composed of Messrs. Henry P. Seader, Edgar F. Sheppard and George W. Anderson, chairman, and they gave generously of their thought, time and experience in carrying into effect the interior alterations. The cost of these improvements was as follows: Heating plant, \$6,490.55; Floor covering, \$4,063.37; Decorating, \$2,365; Lighting, \$450; Roofs, \$668; Cellar Repairs, \$230.55; Sundries, \$1,041.23, or a grand total of \$15,308.90.

On November 23, 1924, the congregation resumed worship in their renovated auditorium. The pastor, Rev. John Y. Broek, preached on the subject: "Worship in God's House." Psalm 96:9. There was special music under direction of the

organist, Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth. At the evening service a musical program was rendered by the quartette choir composed of Miss S. Etta Raybert, soprano; Miss Eunice Eckert, contralto; Mr. Edmund Dorn Young, tenor; Mr. Finley Sharp Lake, bass, and a large chorus choir together with the Liberty Band.

ALTERATIONS TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE CHURCH EDIFICE

In June, 1925, the alterations to the exterior of the building were begun. On Sunday July 19, 1925, the corner stone was laid. This was the first corner stone laid for Trinity Church as no corner stone was laid at the time the church was originally built. The corner stone bears the inscription, "1880-1925," with a Maltese cross. The corner stone was laid at the close of the morning service with simple and impressive ceremonies by the minister, Rev. John Y. Broek, according to the Liturgical service of the Reformed Church. There was a very large congregation present.

The theme of the sermon by Dr. Broek was "The Chief Corner Stone" based upon Ephesians 2:19-20. He said: "The text illustrates the spiritual growth of the individual Christian and the Church as represented by the physical building of the church. He explained how men become Christians, that the privilege of believers is growth and the corner stone of the individual life and the church is Jesus Christ. There is symmetry and beauty in all that is built on Him and the growth is constantly in Christ likeness."

The following documents were placed in the cornerstone:

Plainfield Chamber of Commerce Magazine for November, 1924.

The Daily Press, March 11, 1879—the second issue of the Daily Press. Presented by Mrs. Will F. Williams.

Farmer's Almanac for 1925

Plainfield Courier News, July 18, 1925.

Minutes of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, 1925.

Constitution of the Reformed Church in America.

Rules of Order, Classis of Newark.

- Handbook of the Reformed Church in America, 1925.
Booklet of Central College, Pella, Iowa.
Minutes of the General Synod, Reformed Church, 1924.
The Christian Intelligencer, July 1, 1925.
Catalogue of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary for 1924-25.
Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, 1924.
Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, 1925.
Report of the Women's Board of Domestic Missions, 1925.
Booklet of Hope College, Holland, Michigan.
Jubilee, Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, 1875-1925.
Historical sketch of the Reformed Church in America.
(Presented by the Misses Todd from the library of the late Rev. Augustus F. Todd).
Constitution of the Reformed Church in America, containing the Standards and Liturgy of the Church. (This is an old edition of the year 1840, and is presented by the Misses Todd from the library of the late Rev. Augustus F. Todd).
Twenty-fifth Anniversary Sermon—Dr. Schenck.
Thirty-fifth Anniversary Sermon—Dr. Broek.
Tenth Anniversary Sermon of Dr. Broek's Pastorate.
Memorial of Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph.D.
Memorial of Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., LL.D.
Historical Sermon—Fortieth Anniversary, Dr. Broek.
Calendar, March 25, 1923—Farewell Service for Miss Anna Bach.
Calendar, June 15, 1924, containing a photograph of Miss Anna K. E. Bach.
Calendar, November 23, 1924, containing report and names of the Building Committee.
Calendar, May 17, 1925, containing list of the Committees of Consistory.
Calendar, June 14, 1925.
Calendar, July 19, 1925.
Two Post Cards of Trinity Church, exterior view.
Group Picture of Dr. Schenck, Dr. Broek, Dr. Harrison.
Post Card of Interior of Church during the War.
Dedication of Camp Wildwood.

Calendar, June 22, 1924, containing Resolutions on the death of Rev. Edward Payson Johnson, D. D.

Year Books for 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925.

Annual Report of Dr. Paul W. Harrison for 1918.

The Work of Trinity Reformed Church in Arabia, Dr. Paul W. Harrison.

Calendar, October 19, 1924, containing a review of Dr. Harrison's Book, "The Arab at Home."

Sermons by Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek: The Growing Christian, Fundamentals, The Seven Words from the Cross, The Issue, Becoming a Christian, The Character of Christ, The Ambassadors for Christ.

Memorials—Sermon by Dr. Broek, also containing a list of the members of this congregation who responded to their country's call for service in the World War, 1917-1919.

Program of Dedication of the Force Memorial Organ.

Photograph of the Pastor.

Calendar of April 30, 1922, containing program of musical service in celebration of completion of Forty years' services of Arthur L. Titsworth as Organist and Choir Director of our Church.

Calendar, May 14, 1922, containing Resolution of Consistory upon the completion of 40 years of service of Organist Arthur L. Titsworth.

Souvenir of the Netherwood Reformed Church, 1918.

Booklet of the Netherwood Reformed Church, 1924.

History of the Netherwood Reformed Church, Dr. Broek.

History of Marconnier Reformed Church, Oak Tree, N. J., Dr. Broek.

Neglected Arabia No. 133, April-June, 1925.

The Liturgy and Psalter, Reformed Church in America.

The Harrison-Broek family photograph.

Report of the Board of Domestic Missions 1920.

Report of the Board of Domestic Missions 1921.

The hymn America the Beautiful.

Photograph of President Harding signing the Peace with Germany at Senator J. S. Frelinghuysen's home at Raritan, N. J. Presented by Mr. Lewis M. Dunavan.

Coin—United States ten cent piece of the year 1923. Presented by Mr. J. B. Carhart.

The Church was reopened for worship on Sunday, November 15, 1925.

Large audiences were present at both the morning and evening services after extensive alterations and improvements. At the morning service the minister, Dr. John Y. Broek, said that gratitude should be the expression of every heart. He thanked the building committee, the consistory, and the congregation which had subscribed so liberally. He also was deeply appreciative of the fine work of the architect and the builders. He stated further that he had received many congratulations from ministers and members of the other churches in the city felicitating Trinity Church upon her beautiful, artistic and church-like appearance both in the exterior and interior design. He announced that Jerusalem Lodge, No. 26, F. and A. M., had sent a contribution of twenty-five dollars and that Dr. J. Ackerman Coles was sending his felicitations through a gift of five hundred dollars in memory of his grandfather, Jonathan Ackerman, late of New Brunswick.

Dr. Broek preached on "The Glory of God's House," 2 Chron. 7:1, and stated that the beautiful Church building was the outward physical expression of an inward spiritual reality and faith. The Church of the living God is a spiritual organization through which God is bringing about the spiritual forces which, though unseen, are the most potent and powerful.

The evening worship was largely in the nature of a musical service of Praise and thanksgiving to God. The quartette choir under direction of Mr. A. L. Titsworth rendered several selections and the Liberty Band under direction of Mr. William Bartow rendered a fine program.

Mayor James T. MacMurray, a member of Trinity Church was present and brought the felicitations from the city in a fine address in which he urged his fellow citizens to fill the churches in the same way they filled the moving picture shows. He stated that the teachings of the Church were based upon the Word of God and they should not be neglected.

The Netherwood Reformed Church joined with the mother church in the evening service. The Rev. Sherman H. Marcy brought the greetings and stated that Faith is the victory. To a person working for God who has faith and courage, nothing is impossible. These improvements were made a reality because a few men caught the vision, and had the faith and courage to bring about their accomplishment. He paid a tribute to the pastor, Dr. Broek, for his long and faithful service in Trinity Church and the splendid accomplishments of his ministry in this historic church.

The building committee was composed of Messrs. George W. Anderson, Chairman, Edgar F. Sheppard and Henry P. Seader. Mr. DeWitt Clinton Pond of New York City, was the architect, and John Wyman & Son, the general contractors.

The alterations and renovations have made Trinity Reformed Church one of the most beautiful and attractive churches in the city both in the interior and exterior design and well worthy of the influence that this historic church has exerted on the life of our city. The interior of the auditorium with a seating capacity of one thousand has a most worshipful, churchly and dignified atmosphere.

The alterations made on the exterior of Trinity Reformed Church consisted mainly of removing the steeple, rearranging the vestibule, so that a more simple architectural character might be obtained, and stuccoing the entire church.

The removal of the steeple was a thoroughly practical requirement as it was found unsafe and was helpful to the architect in his aim, to produce a simple architectural treatment.

The change in the vestibule appears as being something more than it actually was. The brick base was maintained; the steps on the interior were kept exactly as they were; and only the upper frame construction and roofs were removed. In replacing these, the architect tried to effect a simple and dignified design inspired by the examples found in Gothic churches, built in the Old World.

It was impossible, and not desirable to copy any particular church but the architectural motives used were those which characterized the works of the buildings of the middle ages.

Simplicity was the key note of the entire design, the same kind of simplicity that is found in the best modern American architecture.

Where it was found that the old steps were badly in need of repair, granite steps were substituted and a granite corner stone was laid at the foot of one of the buttresses.

The application of stucco on the exterior was a great improvement. The stucco furnishes a new surface, waterproof and fire proof and gives the appearance of work done over stone work which is in character with the Gothic design. The stucco was waterproofed and applied over galvanized metal lath so that the danger of rusting of the lath was reduced to the absolute minimum.

As near as possible to secure a permanent surface over a wood frame this has been done. All the materials were of the best, the workmanship was careful and efficient, and the cooperation between contractors and architect was of the finest type.

Trinity Church now has a permanent and artistic exterior that harmonizes with its extremely pleasing interior.

Central College, Pella, Iowa, at the Sixty-fourth Commencement held on Wednesday, June 3, 1925, conferred the Degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. John Y. Broek. President Milton J. Hoffman in bestowing the degree said: "For years of faithful service as a pastor and preacher, for mature scholarship, for loyalty to the fundamentals of our faith, for recognized qualities of leadership in Church and community affairs alike, for his devotion to the cause of higher Christian education, for his zeal for the expansion of the Church at home as well as abroad, Central College hereby confers the Degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. John Y. Broek, of Plainfield, N. J."

During his pastorate Dr. Broek has preached 1,805 sermons and 263 children's sermons, administered 117 communions and 54 private communions, delivered 586 special addresses in and outside the city, contributed 530 sermons and articles for publication, conducted 793 prayer meetings, made 11,488 pastoral calls, attended 6,034 church and committee meetings, ordained

6 elders, installed 78 elders, ordained 30 deacons and installed 60 deacons. He has edited 950 editions of the church calendar.

He is the author of the *Manual and History of the Churches of the Classis of Newark*.

During his pastorate Dr. Broek has welcomed 1,073 new members of which number 659 came on profession of faith and 414 by letter. 540 persons have been baptized. He has officiated at 593 funerals, and 199 marriages have been solemnized.

At every communion held during these twenty years save one, new members have been received. Two notable communion services were held; one on June 4, 1916, when 133 were received into the membership of the church as a result of the Biederwolf revival; the other memorable service was held on March 4, 1928, when as a result of the Home Visitation Evangelism Campaign 93 united with our church. I have given the best years of my life, thus far to the service of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in this church.

An historical sermon was preached by Dr. Broek on the 35th anniversary of the church on Sunday morning, March 21, 1915, which was also published. A purse of gold was presented to Rev. John Y. Broek at the morning service on Sunday, October 14, 1916, as a wedding gift. The tenth anniversary of his pastorate was appropriately observed on November 24, 1918, with a special commemorative sermon which was published. On October 17, 1921, the fifth anniversary of their wedding, a reception was tendered to Rev. and Mrs. Broek and they were presented with a purse of gold. The twentieth anniversary of Dr. Broek's pastorate was also celebrated by a sermon reviewing the pastorate which was also published. A reception was given to Dr. and Mrs. Broek on November 15, 1928, which was largely attended and they were presented with a purse of gold.

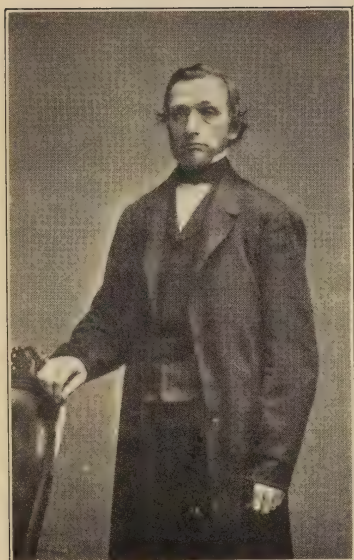
At the suggestion of Dr. Broek the Dutch Arms, the Dutch Arms Band and orchestra, now the Liberty Band, the Camp-fire Girls, the Boy Scouts were organized and a Boy Scout cabin erected on the second mountain.

In February, 1911, the old pulpit and three pulpit chairs used so many years in Trinity Reformed Church were given to the Netherwood Reformed Church and are at present used in their Bible School auditorium.

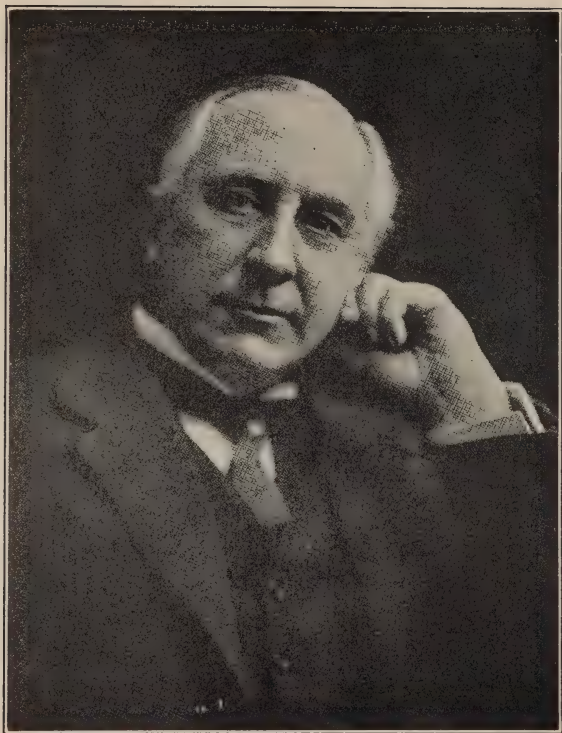
Rev. John Yonker Broek, D. D., was born in Coopersville, Michigan. He was the son of Rev. Dirk Broek and Anna Jonker. His father graduated from Rutgers College in the class of 1861 and the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., in the class of 1864. He served important pastorates in the states of Michigan and Ohio. His grandfather, Harm Broek, was an elder in the First Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan, continuously for forty years. He was one of the Colonists who came from the Netherlands and settled in Holland, Michigan, in the year 1847. In his log house, arrangements were made to unite the churches of the Holland colony with the Reformed Dutch Church in America.

Mr. Broek received his education in the public schools of Holland, Detroit and Grandville, Michigan. He graduated from the Preparatory School of Hope College, Holland, Michigan, in the class of 1898. He received his college education at Hope College and at Alma College, Alma, Michigan, from which he graduated in 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He took his theological course at the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., and graduated in the class of 1906. During his seminary course, he served the First Reformed Church, New Hyde Park, Long Island, and the Second Reformed Church, Lodi, New Jersey. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Classis of Grand Rapids on May 29, 1906. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Classis of Monmouth July 3, 1906, and installed as Minister of the Grand Avenue Reformed Church, Asbury Park, N. J., from which church he had received a unanimous call. During his pastorate, the church entertained the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in session June 3-10, 1908. He has two brothers, Rev. Albertus T. and Dr. Jacob D., two sisters, Christine S. and Mrs. Anna Mary Broek Cook.

He is a Trustee of the New Jersey C. E. Union. He is President of the Board of Trustees and Church Extensions of



REV. AND MRS. JOHN SIMONSON
First Pastor, Central Reformed Church



REV. ANDREW V. V. RAYMOND, D. D., LL.D.
First Pastor, Trinity Reformed Church



REV. CORNELIUS SCHENCK, Ph.D.
Pastor, Trinity Reformed Church



REV. JOHN YONKER BROEK, D. D.
Pastor, Trinity Reformed Church

the Classis of Newark, and a life director of the American Tract Society. In 1921, he was elected President of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick. He served as a delegate to the General Synod in 1907, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1918, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1928.

He is a member of the Clergy Club of New York, the Alma College Club of New York and the Shackamaxon Country Club at Westfield, N. J., Plainfield Country Club, New Jersey Historical Society.

He is the author of the following publications: "History of Grand Avenue Reformed Church," Asbury Park, N. J., 1907; "The Mission of the Church," paper read before the Monmouth Clerical Club, 1907; "The Conditions of a Successful Church," first sermon as Pastor Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., 1908; "The Signs of the Times," sermon, 1912; "What Think Ye of Christ," "Going Out Into the World," sermons, 1913; "Impresions Abroad," "Impressions of Merry England," "Impressions of Scotland," "Impressions of Holland," 1913; "Evangelism," sermon, 1914; "Ebenezer," Historical sermon on the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the Organization of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., 1915; "The Passing of John Barleycorn," sermon, 1915; "Thanksgiving in War Times," sermon, 1917; "The Church in the Fort," sermon, 1917; "The Years of the Right Hand of the Most High," Tenth Anniversary sermon of the pastorate in Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., 1918; "Reconstruction in Religion," sermon, 1918; "The Minimum Christian," sermon, 1919; "The Seven Words from the Cross," sermon, 1919; "The Growing Christian," sermon, 1919; "Memorial Address of Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph.D.," delivered at the unveiling of Memorial Tablet, 1920; "Christian Standards of Morality," sermon, 1920.

Many other articles and sermons have appeared in the Asbury Park Press and Journal, Plainfield Daily Press and Courier News, Christian Intelligencer and many other periodicals.

"Memorials" sermon at unveiling of War Memorial Tablet, 1921; "Safeguards of Democracy," sermon, 1921; "The In-

fluence of a Life," sermon at unveiling of Memorial Tablet for Rev. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond, D. D., LL.D., L. H. D., 1922; "The Issue," sermon, 1923. "God's Radiogram," "The Character of Christ," "Becoming a Christian," "The Ambassadors for Christ," "The Hard Task," "The Light of the World," sermons, 1925; "Our Country and Her Institutions," "The Stewardship of Money," "God is Love," sermons, 1926; "The Advance of Christianity," "The Beacons Light to Men," "The Huguenots in France and America," (published in the Italian language in "La Protesta") "What I See in the Cup." "The Unsearchable Riches of Christ," "The Surprises of Christmas," sermons, 1927; "Life's Golden Chain," "Twenty Years," Anniversary sermon, 1928; "The Eyes of the Lord," Children's sermon, 1929; Manual of the Classis of Newark and History of the Churches of Classis.

The following members of Trinity Church have served as Mayors:

Mayor Robert Clark, Jr., served two terms as mayor of North Plainfield, 1912-1916; Julius Stahl, term as mayor of North Plainfield in 1926; Mayor James T. MacMurray is completing three terms as mayor of Plainfield, 1925-1930.

VIII. THE CONSISTORY

The following have served as Elders and Deacons:

ELDERS.

Henry Lindsley, died October 10, 1893.

George Lyman Van Emburgh, died March 21, 1915.

Daniel G. Van Winkle, died July 23, 1887.

Philip P. Van Arsdale, died September 21, 1900.

Randolph Titworth, M. D., died March 8, 1890.

William D. W. Miller.

Benjamin A. Hegeman, Sr., died November 2, 1903.

R. R. Field, died March 18, 1892.

Alexander Willett, died September 24, 1905.

John H. Lesh.

Garret Q. Dolliver, died January 9, 1921.

Oscar W. Dunham, John H. Van Winkle, Daniel Van Winkle.

Robert Clark, Jr., died January 3, 1917.

John P. Laire, died January 19, 1915.

Frederick E. Smith.

Albert Lewis Force, died March 7, 1915.

Horace J. Martin.

Henry E. Gayle, died March 18, 1926.

Theodore R. Van Zandt, William F. Oliver, Edgar F. Sheppard, Alfred K. Willett, Frederick S. Cutter, George Kirch (died July 15, 1921), Henry P. Seader, Charles M. Dolliver, Henry S. Wormald, Edmund D. Young, Alfred W. Dunavan, Will F. Williams, John C. Osborn, George W. Anderson.

DEACONS.

David O. Kilbourne, died October 2, 1892.

Joseph Meier, Daniel Van Winkle.

J. Renwick Glen, died August 4, 1903.

Charles S. West, died January 23, 1887.

Alburtus Swalm, died May 15, 1922.

John H. Van Winkle, Oscar W. Dunham.

Garret Q. Dolliver, died January 9, 1921.

Thomas B. Brown, died April 12, 1913.

Albert Lewis Force, died March 7, 1915.

Henry E. Bowen, Edward E. Anthony.

James K. Arnold, died September 30, 1926.

Henry E. Gayle, died March 18, 1926.

Theodore E. Hazell, Frederick G. Adams, William F. Oliver.

A. B. Clemens, Frederick S. Cutter, Robert A. Meeker, C. M. Thorpe, Theodore R. Van Zandt, Albert J. Moore, Alfred K. Willett, Edgar F. Sheppard.

Benjamin R. Force, died March 1, 1926.

Manning F. Gano, Charles M. Dolliver, William R. Kriney, Arthur B. Cole, Lindlau M. Leek, William J. Trembath, Jesse S. Miller, Will F. Williams, Elmer P. Wheeler, Alfred W. Dunavan, Wilbur E. Moke, Russell C. Doeringer, Edmund D. Young, Cornelius F. Schenck, John C. Osborn, Howard S. Lambert, George W. Anderson, Charles T. Todd, Richard B.

Hiller, Herbert C. Koch, Earle S. Cooke, William M. LaTourette, George E. Volk, Daniel F. Reifsneider.

The following persons have served as clerks of consistory :

George Lyman Van Emburgh, Joseph Meier, Charles S. West, John H. Van Winkle, Daniel Van Winkle, Frederick E. Smith, Edgar F. Sheppard, Wilbur E. Moke.

Mr. Edgar F. Sheppard served faithfully as Clerk for twenty-five years, from 1894 to 1919, a notable service, and was succeeded by Mr. Wilbur E. Moke, the present efficient clerk.

CHURCH TREASURERS.

The following have served as treasurers of the church :

David O. Kilbourne, Randolph Titsworth, M. D., E. W. Morse, Daniel Van Winkle, Philip P. Van Arsdale, Benjamin A. Hegeman, Sr., George Gayle 1888-1906, Henry E. Gayle 1906-1920, Alfred K. Willett 1920-1925, Russell C. Doeringer 1925——.

Assistants, Philip A. Vroom, Alfred K. Willett 1912-1920, Henry E. Gayle 1920-1925, Alfred W. Dunavan 1925-1927, Richard B. Hiller 1927——.

TREASURERS OF BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

Manning F. Gano 1909-1914, Theodore Van Zandt 1914-1925, Edmund D. Young 1925——.

TREASURERS OF DEACONS FUND.

Alfred K. Willett 1911-1912, William R. Kriney 1912-1917, Alfred W. Dunavan 1917-1923, Will F. Williams 1923-1926, Herbert C. Koch 1926-1929, Earle S. Cooke 1929——.

In 1911, the annual congregational meeting was changed from October to the third Wednesday in April to correspond to the church year.

In 1917 the consistory was enlarged from six elders to eight elders and from six to eight deacons.

The members of the consistory as of March, 1930, are as follows :

ELDERS.

T. Romeyn Van Zandt, Elder Emeritus.
Frederick E. Smith, Senior Elder.
Henry P. Seader.
Alfred W. Dunavan.
Henry S. Wormald.
Edmund D. Young.
Will F. Williams.
John C. Osborn.
George W. Anderson.

DEACONS.

Wilbur E. Moke.
Russell C. Doeringer.
Charles T. Todd.
Richard B. Hiller.
Earle S. Cooke.
William LaTourette.
Daniel Reifsneider.

The officers of the consistory are as follows:
Church Treasurer, Russell C. Doeringer.
Assistant Church Treasurer, Richard B. Hiller.
Treasurer of Deacons' Funds, Earle S. Cooke.
Treasurer of Benevolent Offerings, Edmund D. Young.
Clerk of Consistory, Wilbur E. Moke.

IX. RECRUITS FOR THE MINISTRY AND RELIGIOUS WORK

The following of our number have entered the ministry and religious work:

Rev. Elmendorf S. Miles, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, living at present at 87 Duer Street, attended Sunday School as a boy in Central Reformed Church during the ministry of Rev. John Simonson.

Rev. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond, son of Rev. and Mrs. Andrew V. V. Raymond, baptized in this church October 10, 1886, became a minister in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Edwin B. Maynard, the only colored brother who was a member of this church was ordained to the Gospel ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church by Bishop Wesley J. Gaines, April 28, 1907.

Rev. George S. Bolsterle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Bolsterle, was ordained to the ministry of the Reformed Church by the Classis of Montgomery on July 7, 1909. He graduated from Rutgers College 1906, and from New Brunswick Seminary 1909. He has held successful pastorates in the Reformed Churches of West Leyden, N. Y., 1909-1911; Wynantskill, N. Y., 1911-1913; Anderson Memorial, New York City, 1913-1916; West Farms, New York City, 1916-1917; Presbyterian-Charles Street Memorial, New York City, 1917-1920. He is at present the pastor of the First Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I. He married Miss Mary L. Pugh on November 4, 1903.

Rev. Harold William Schenck, son of Dr. and Mrs. Cornelius Schenck, was ordained on June 12, 1916, by the Classis of Newark. He was graduated from Rutgers College in 1913, and from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1916. After a notable ministry in the Franklin Reformed Church, Nutley, N. J., for ten years, he became the assistant in 1928 to Rev. Henry Evertson Cobb, D. D., at the West End Collegiate Reformed Church, New York City. He resigned this position on September 30, 1929. In 1924 he travelled through twenty countries of Europe and the Near East. In the summer of 1926 he was the Minister of the American Church in The Hague, Holland. In 1927 he was a delegate to the World Conference on Faith and Order at Lusanne, Switzerland. In 1929 he was the Exchange Preacher in Great Britain. In 1930 he became pastor of the Union Church of Yokohama, Japan. He married on July 6, 1927, Miss Elsie Fuller Schmidt. They have one daughter, Joan Elizabeth, born March 8, 1929.

Rev. John Ernest Mertz, son of Rev. and Mrs. John A. Mertz, of Durham, Pa., was ordained on June 9, 1917, by the Classis of Monmouth. He was a graduate of Ursinus College 1914, and the New Brunswick Theological Seminary 1917. He served the following pastorates in the Reformed Church: Second, Freehold, N. J., 1917-1920; Deerpark Church, Port

Jervis, 1920-1922; First Totowa, Paterson, N. J., 1922-1925. He is at present the pastor of the Brainerd Presbyterian Church, Easton, Pa., the church closely connected with Lafayette College. He married on June 7, 1917, Miss Emily Elizabeth Wiest, daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Wiest.

Rev. Lawrence Henry French, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Frank French, was ordained on June 14, 1920, by the Classis of Ulster. He was graduated from Rutgers College in 1917 and from New Brunswick Seminary in 1920. After a successful pastorate in the Reformed Church at Hurley, N. Y., 1920-1922, he became Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Rutgers University in 1922. In Oct., 1924, he became the pastor of the Community Reformed Church at Teaneck, N. J., from which he resigned September 1, 1929. He married Miss Jennie Amelia Sears on June 26, 1920, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Sears. He received the B. D. degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York City, in 1930.

Rev. Alfred Edwin Willett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Willett, was ordained in March, 1928, in the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1923. During the years 1924 to 1926 he served as a missionary in Foochow, China. He graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1928. In the same year he became the pastor of the Methodist Church at Union, N. J., where he is undertaking the erection of a church building for the recently organized church. He married on July 10, 1928, Miss Margaret A. Handy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Handy. They have one son, Robert Adair, born Nov. 9, 1929.

Rev. William Arrowsmith Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Arrowsmith Crawford, was a member of our Bible School in early youth, his parents being members of the church. He graduated from Upsala College, East Orange in 1922 and from Bloomfield Seminary in 1925. He was licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of Newark in August, 1925, and installed as pastor of the Ampere Parkway Community Church (Presbyterian) Bloomfield, N. J., in August, 1925. He re-

ceived the degrees of Th.M. from New Brunswick Seminary in 1927 and Th.D. from Drew Seminary in 1930.

Mr. William Carman Trembath, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Trembath, graduated from Central College, Pella, Iowa, in 1929, and is at present preparing himself for the ministry at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Mr. Arthur B. Cole entered Y. M. C. A. work on February 4, 1918, serving as assistant secretary of the Plainfield Y. M. C. A.; East Side Branch Y. M. C. A. on East 86th Street, New York; and is at present the secretary of the Bowery Y. M. C. A. 8 East Third Street, New York City.

Mr. Stephen Walter Horne and his wife, Grace Verl Hamilton Horne, who united with this church on April 15, 1927, were in charge of the Volunteers of America in Plainfield, N. J., from 1927 to 1929.

Ministers wives who have gone forth from this church are Mrs. Jennie V. Van Winkle Chickering, wife of Rev. Edward C. Chickering, who died March 12, 1898. Rev. Chickering is buried in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

Mrs. Mary Pugh Bolsterle, wife of Rev. George S. Bolsterle, Mrs. Jennie Amelia Sears French, wife of Rev. Lawrence H. French, and Mrs. Oliva B. (Griggs), wife of Rev. Cyril Donald Plummer.

Other ministers who have been members of this congregation are the following: Rev. John Simonson, Rev. Augustus F. Todd, Rev. Herman Frederick Francis Schnellendruessler, Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Rev. Walter Timothy Griffen, Rev. William H. DeHart, D. D., Rev. Horace P. Craig, Rev. James T. Schock, Rev. Herman Casparus Berg, D. D., Rev. James Cortelyou Garretson, Rev. Sherman H. Marcy.

X. MISSIONS

The contributions for Home and Foreign Missions and other denominational objects for the first twenty-five years amounted to \$17,219. The total contributions during the last 25 years were \$94,147 for missions and \$15,569 for other benevolences or a total of \$109,716, and a grand total of \$126,935, which has been sown as precious seed to help make the harvest of Christ abundant.



DR. PAUL WILBERFORCE HARRISON
Missionary to Arabia, 1909- —



TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH IN 1898

PAUL WILBERFORCE HARRISON, M. D., F. R. G. S., D.Sc.

The support of Dr. Paul W. Harrison as our own missionary was undertaken on April 18, 1909. A service of consecration and farewell to Dr. Harrison was held in this church on January 28, 1910, an account of which is given elsewhere in this history.

Dr. Harrison in his first five year term of service labored at Kuwait, Arabia. He had very poor housing facilities. A hospital was erected at Kuwait through the gift of a friend of the mission. He also went to Constantinople to take an examination for a diploma from the Turkish government to practice medicine which he passed with credit. One of his acts of heroism was to take a small vein out of his own arm to treat a patient in Arabia.

His first return to America was via. Ceylon, China, and the Pacific Ocean in the spring of 1915. During his furlough in this country he was the travelling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, visiting many colleges in the United States, interesting young volunteers in missionary work.

Dr. Harrison was united in marriage to Miss Regina Rabbe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad C. Rabbe, of Cantonsville, Md., on the evening of November 7, 1916, in the First English Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Md., by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Ezra K. Bell.

A reception was jointly tendered to Dr. and Mrs. Harrison and Rev. and Mrs. John Y. Broek, who were married on October 16, 1916, on the evening of November 15, 1916, in Trinity Church. A purse of gold presented to Dr. and Mrs. Harrison by Elder F. E. Smith. A short service was held. Rev. Daniel Rapalje read the Scripture, and Rev. Dr. Eugene S. Booth of Ferris Seminary, Japan, offered prayer. Dr. Harrison made a short address, taking as his text, "Brethren, pray for us." Mr. Broek voiced the sentiment of the congregation as he said: "We love him for what he is; we love him for what he has done in Arabia and in this country, and we count it a privilege to have him as our missionary, and we will ever follow him with our prayers. He is not only a good man, but a wise man, for he has taken unto himself a wife."

Dr. and Mrs. Harrison left for Arabia on November 16, 1916, via. Chicago, Denver, Seattle, Washington for Kobe, Japan, thence to Colombo, Ceylon, and then to Bombay, India, where they took the gulf steamer and arrived at their destination in January, 1917.

During the second term of service in Arabia, Dr. and Mrs. Harrison have wrought a notable service in Arabia. The ties of love and friendship with this church have ever been strengthened and cemented. Dr. Harrison is practically the first of the modern apostles of the cross to blaze the trail for the Gospel of Christ farthest into the interior of Arabia. His remarkable friendship with Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Saoud, has and will mean much for the entrance of the Gospel in Arabia.

Dr. and Mrs. Harrison returned to this country on furlough on May 27, 1922. He again became the travelling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. They made an extended visit in Plainfield in May, 1923, as well as other visits. The last two weeks of their furlough from February 24th to March 8th, 1924, were spent at the manse. A farewell service was given them at the Communion Service in the morning of Sunday, March 2, 1924, and also at the evening service. A never to be forgotten sight was when the entire congregation formed a large circle by clasped hands and sang, "Blest be the tie that binds." A farewell service was also given at the mid-week service on Wednesday, March 5, 1924. The farewell text of Dr. Harrison was Acts 20:32.

Dr. and Mrs. Harrison left on Saturday, March 8, 1924, for Arabia on the steamer Berengaria via London and Bombay. They were accompanied to the steamer by Rev. and Mrs. Broek and Miss Margaret S. Broek. They have been located at Bahrain, Kuwait and Mattrah, Arabia.

Dr. Harrison was made a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Hope College on June 20, 1923, conferred the degree of Doctor of Science upon him. At the 229th commencement of Yale University, on June 18, 1930, he received the degree of Master of Arts, with the following citation:

PAUL WILBERFORCE HARRISON, Master of Arts: Scientist and humanitarian, Yale University recognizes in your career

the rare combination of high skill in a most difficult calling, where science and art converge, with unselfish devotion to the needs of a backward and ill-served people.

He is the author of the Book under the title, "The Arab at Home," published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York. It is a volume of 337 pages, containing 17 chapters and 44 illustrations. The following subjects are treated in an exceedingly interesting way.

- I. First Impressions of the Arab.
- II. The Bedouin of the Desert.
- III. The Oasis Community.
- IV. Pearl Divers of the East Coast.
- V. The Mountain District of Oman.
- VI. The Arabs of Mesopotamia.
- VII. The Arab Sheikh.
- VIII. The Rule of the Turk.
- IX. The British Regime.
- X. Great Empires of Islam.
- XI. The Mohammedan Faith.
- XII. "The Five Pillars."
- XIII. The Appraisal of Mohammedanism.
- XIV. The Religion of "Western Heathenism."
- XV. The Arab and Christianity.
- XVI. Bringing Medicine and Surgery into Arabia.
- XVII. The Future of the Arab.

It is written in Dr. Harrison's inimitable style, interspersed with many humorous incidents. It is such a readable book, one feels as he delves into this volume that the author is speaking in his magnetic way, holding our closest attention.

He has given a most unique and picturesque description of the varied forms of the Arab life and has brought a new insight into the every day habits in Arabia, written in a most charming manner. He has made a real contribution to the literature on Arabia.

One understands the Arab better and Mohammedanism, his system of religion. His clear statement on Mohammedanism is especially fine.

The book will have undoubtedly a large circulation, due to its comprehensive educational value. It is written from a great personal experience with the Arab, gained through twelve years of service as a medical missionary and through his tours into the interior of Arabia, as he is the first pioneer missionary of modern times to penetrate inland Arabia.

Dr. and Mrs. Harrison have four children: Paul Wilberforce, born at Bahrein, Arabia, November 11, 1920; Clinton Rabbe, born at Twilight Park, N. Y., August 1, 1922; Dorothy, born at Kuwait, Arabia, December 13, 1924; Timothy Stone, born July 15, 1927.

On May 5, 1930, the Board of Foreign Missions received a cablegram bearing the following message "Mrs. Harrison lost at sea. Harrison." The message was sent by radio from the steamship "Gange" in the Indian Ocean. It was the steamer on which the Harrisons sailed from Bombay on April 30, 1930. It was a terribly sad tragedy. Dr. and Mrs. Harrison and their four children were on their way to this country on a furlough and were due to arrive in New York City on May 26, 1930. The steamer on which Mrs. Harrison lost her life was sailing from Bombay to Naples.

The following account of her death was published in "Neglected Arabia," April-June, 1930:

"It is only natural that interested and anxious inquiries have been made in regard to the sudden death at sea of Mrs. Paul W. Harrison while recently on her journey homeward with her family to enjoy a furlough in America.

"Mrs. Harrison has not been exempt in recent years from those illnesses incident to residence in the tropics. She had, however, recovered from them and more recently from an attack of malarial fever for which she was successfully treated in Madras. When ready to set out on their journey homeward, Dr. Harrison went down from Matrah, his station in Arabia, to Madras, and accompanied to Bombay Mrs. Harrison and the children, two of whom were in the school for missionaries' children at Kodaikanal, South India. Mrs. Harrison embarked on the steamer in Bombay with all the family,

in happy anticipation of reunion with her family in the United States.

"The voyage across the Indian Ocean in the month of May is usually so hot that many adult passengers sleep on deck, it not being considered altogether safe, however, for children to spend the dark hours of the night on the deck. Dr. and Mrs. Harrison therefore divided the night, he spending the first part on deck and Mrs. Harrison the second. Mrs. Harrison was thus sleeping in a steamer chair on the deck, near the railing, on the morning of Sunday, May 4, Dr. Harrison being in the cabin with the children. When Mrs. Harrison did not return to the cabin at the usual hour in the morning Dr. Harrison, feeling no apprehension, carried out the usual morning duties with the children. When later Mrs. Harrison did not return to her cabin, he asked a friend to go up on deck and ask her if she were not ready to come to the cabin. The friend reported that her chair was empty, but that her kimono, carefully folded, was on the chair. A thorough search of the ship was then made and Mrs. Harrison was not found.

"Carefully reviewing all the circumstances: Mrs. Harrison's occupancy of the upper berth in the cabin for the purpose of enjoying more air, necessitating a little climbing; associated with this the fact that she was sleeping on deck in a steamer chair near the railing of the ship; recalling her practice of folding her kimono for the purpose of ascending to her berth—it is a very natural and logical inference that, partially awaking in the morning, still drowsy with sleep, and feeling the railing of the deck very like that of her cabin, she seized it with the expectation of climbing to the upper berth, lost her balance and fell overboard. The deep and loving sympathy of the circle of friends who read these pages will be with Dr. Harrison in the tragedy of this sudden and great sorrow."

The following resolutions were adopted by the Consistory:

The Consistory and congregation of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, New Jersey, desire to express their deep and sincere sympathy to their missionary, Dr. Paul W. Harrison, and his family, in the sudden sorrow that has come upon

them in the passing away of a beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Regina Rabbe Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad C. Rabbe. Mrs. Harrison was united in marriage to Dr. Harrison on November 7, 1916. She united with Trinity Reformed Church by letter from the First English Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Maryland, on May 30, 1923. She was a devoted missionary of the Reformed Church in America, in Arabia, where she labored with consecration and zeal for her Master amid the heat and burden of the day, since 1917. During her many visits to Trinity Church, she endeared herself to our entire membership. Her sudden death on the steamer *Ganges* in the Indian Ocean on May 4, 1930, while on the homeward voyage was a severe shock and a great loss to our church and the Arabian Mission.

Our beloved missionary, Dr. Paul Wilberforce Harrison, and his family, we commend to the God of all grace who is sufficient to sustain in every need and sorrow. We rest in the love of God.

We further desire to have this minute recorded in the minutes of the Consistory, published in our church calendar, The Christian Intelligencer and that a copy be sent to the family.

By order of Consistory on May 14, 1930.

JOHN Y. BROEK, President.

WILBUR E. MOKE, Clerk.

REV. DANIEL RAPALJE.

We have also had in our membership Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Rapalje. On May 29, 1929, Rev. Rapalje entered the higher service. He was born at New Lots, Brooklyn, April 20, 1836. He was at the time of his death, the oldest living graduate of Rutgers University and the New Brunswick Seminary, graduating from college in 1855 and from the Seminary in 1858. He was ordained as a missionary by the South Classis of Long Island. He was a pioneer missionary to Amoy, China, making his first voyage in October, 1858, from New York to China on a three masted sailing vessel via Cape of Good Hope. The voyage took 148 days. After serving in Amoy for seven years, he returned to America for his first furlough in June,

1866. The return voyage was equally hazardous, being made in a sailing vessel taking 149 days. He spent 40 years as a missionary in Amoy, China, from 1859 to 1899, making six return voyages during that time. He had special ability in speaking and acquiring the Chinese language. He was a noble and courageous servant of Christ, modest and humble in character, an honored minister of the Reformed Church in America and a member of this congregation for the past thirty years.

He married on June 19, 1878, Miss Susan Alice Ostrom, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Ostrom of the Amoy Mission, China, who died at Plainfield, N. J., Oct. 21, 1930. Three children were born to them—Ernest H., DeWitt, Mrs. Katharine W. Rapalje Smith.

OTHER MISSIONARIES

Mr. Alfred Edwin Willett, eldest son of Elder and Mrs. A. K. Willett, left Plainfield on Tuesday, February 19, 1924, for a short term service of two years as a teacher of history in the Anglo-Chinese College at Foochow, China, under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He sailed from San Francisco, California, on February 26, 1924, on the steamer Korea Maru and arrived in Shanghai on March 24, 1924. Mr. Willett was baptized in infancy in this church, made profession of his faith and was active in the Bible School, Christian Endeavor Society and Young People's work. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1922, and was in the Middle Class in Union Theological Seminary. Five days after the call came for this special service, he was on his way on his 9000 mile journey to China. A farewell service was held for him in this church on Sunday evening, February 16, 1924, and he was presented with a purse by Mr. Edgar F. Sheppard. Rev. John Y. Broek made an appropriate address commending Mr. Willett for the choice he had made, basing the address on John 17:18, "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you." "A great honor has been conferred upon you to put Christianity and the Christian way of living into the hearts of the Chinese; to go to China as the Ambassador of the King of Kings. We will follow you with our prayers and an abid-

ing interest in your work." Remarks were also made by Mr. F. E. Smith on behalf of the Bible School; Mr. William R. Kriney for the Young Men's Class; Mr. Earle S. Cooke for the Christian Endeavor Society.

A call came also to Miss Anna K. E. Bach from the Women's Board of Domestic Missions for missionary work among the Jicarilla Indians at Dulce, New Mexico, in February, 1923. Gladly and willingly did she respond. Miss Bach was supported by our Church. A farewell service was held for Miss Bach in Trinity Church on Sunday evening, March 25, 1923, and was largely attended.

Greetings were conveyed by Mrs. John Y. Broek from the Women's Board of Domestic Missions; Mrs. George W. Anderson from the Missionary Guild; Miss May Randolph from the Christian Endeavor Society; Mr. F. E. Smith from the Bible School; Mr. Charles M. Dolliver from the congregation; Mr. Frederick L. Mintel, Field Secretary from the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union; Miss Elizabeth Doig of the Local Union of Christian Endeavor; Mr. Jesse H. Lounsbury of the Union County C. E. Union.

A brief address was made by the pastor, Rev. John Y. Broek, basing his remarks on Acts 13:2-3. He said: "Miss Bach had heard the call of God by His Holy Spirit. It had long been a subject of prayer. Sacrificial giving had been made by the members of this Church. She would have a large interest in our prayers."

A prayer of consecration to her work was fervently offered by her pastor, Rev. John Y. Broek. Miss Bach responded to these greetings in a few words that bespoke her gratitude to Trinity Church and her deep interest in her work. A purse was also presented to her.

Miss Bach left for Dulce, New Mexico, on Monday, April 2, 1923, via New York, Chicago and Denver. A number of her friends were at the station to say farewell. She labored for three years in this field. She returned for a visit to Plainfield in June, 1924, when she was received at a welcome home service.

Her ministries among the little Indian children through her Christlike personality and labors will forever remain a touching incident in missionary annals in this country. Broken in health, she returned home in 1926, but her heart still remains in Dulce.

Miss Mary E. Neal is at present engaged in home missionary work in Brooklyn, N. Y., having been especially fitted for such work at the Albany Bible School, Albany, N. Y.

Mention should also be made of the missionary labors of Miss Elizabeth Agnes Pulver, who united with this church on October 5, 1924, by letter from St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., who became the Union County Christian Endeavor Missionary, especially among the poor children, who laid down her life on March 22, 1926, and in whose memory a memorial window was erected.

Four members of our church are serving the larger interests of the denomination as members of General Synod's Boards. Mr. Frederick S. Cutter on the Board of Education; Mr. Frederick E. Smith on the Board of Publication and Bible School Work; Mrs. John Y. Broek on the Women's Board of Domestic Missions, and Dr. Broek on the Board of Domestic Missions, Evangelistic Commission and the Board of Superintendents New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Elder Albert L. Force served as a member of the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary from 1911 until the time of his death on March 7, 1915.

Mrs. John Y. Broek served as President of the Women's Missionary Union, Classis of Newark from 1922 to 1929. She has been the President of the Plainfield McAll Auxiliary since 1926 and is serving her fourth year as President.

Mr. Emanuel Azar, a native of Bagdad, Mesopotamia was received into the membership of Trinity Reformed Church by profession of his faith at the Easter Sunday communion on April 20, 1930. He knew Dr. Paul W. Harrison, and Rev. Henry A. Bilkert, who was killed by the bandits in January, 1928. He was one of the young men who helped pursue the bandits who shot Rev. Bilkert. He is in the freshman class at Rutgers University and has frequently been the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Cole.

XI. WORLD WAR WORK

During the period of the Great War, patriotism ran high. A huge American flag was displayed from the ceiling of the church, and also a service flag, bearing sixty-five service stars. The flags of the Allies, England, France, Belgium, and Italy were also exhibited. Every service of the church was opened with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner." Patriotic sermons of great fervor were frequently preached by the pastor. Liberty Bonds were purchased.

On Sunday afternoon, January 19, 1919, at 4 P. M., a Memorial Service was held in proud and loving memory of the four men of our congregation who made the supreme sacrifice in this war. The Liberty Band rendered two selections "Funeral March—Fallen Heroes" and "Chopin's Funeral March."

Rev. John Y. Broek in his Memorial address on "Good Soldiers of Jesus Christ," taking his text from 2 Timothy 3:3 said:

We are gathered in proud and loving memory of four men of our congregation who have made the supreme sacrifice in this war and to do them honor in this simple way.

Captain Frederick W. Vogel was a member of the 71st Regiment, New York, for nineteen years. He was a veteran of the Spanish American War. He rendered service on the Mexican border. He was ill about three weeks and died in Mt. Vernon Hospital on August 15, 1917. He was a member of the Dutch Arms and an attendant at our church services.

On November 26, 1918, a telegram was received from the War Department, bearing the following message: "Deeply regret to inform you that Corporal Joseph E. Kirch is officially reported as killed in action, October 16." Corporal Kirch was formerly a member of Company K. He was called into service on March 28, 1917, eleven days before the declaration of war by the United States. He was stationed at Elizabeth, Red Bank, Trenton, and spent nine months in training at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala. He sailed for France on June 14, 1918. He was a member of Co. F, 113th Infantry, 27th Divi-

sion. He joined this church on confession of his faith on June 4, 1911. He was also a member of St. Paul's Brotherhood. He said to his father at Trenton, "Don't worry about me. If I fall, I will meet you in a better world."

A similar telegram was received announcing the death of Mechanic Harold Eldrich Storr in France on October 15, 1918. He joined the old Co. K in June, 1917, and later went to Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala., where he was in training for nine months. He was attached to Co. F, 113th Infantry, 29th Division, as a mechanic. He was a member of our Bible School and united with this church on confession of his faith on December 5, 1909.

Private John Wilbert Schomp died at Camp Meade, Md., on October 18, 1918. He enlisted the latter part of August, 1918. He was stricken with the dread epidemic of influenza and pneumonia. He was a member of Fellowship Bible Class, Christian Endeavor Society and united with this church by letter on December 1, 1916.

These were splendid men. The memory of their heroic lives is blessed, honored and fragrant among us. They laid down their lives for country and the principles of righteousness. They shrank not from the pathway of duty. Let us remember that this war has been won by those who heard the call of duty, obeyed it, and never returned.

Three were wounded in action—Corporal Max Hansen, Corporal Edmund M. Templin and Benjamin A. Borman.

ROLL OF HONOR

Members of Trinity Reformed Congregation who served our country, and position and rank held.

ARMY

Capt. Frederick W. Vogel, 71st Reg., New York. In Memoriam, August 15th, 1917.

Capt. Edward Van Winkle, Regimental Engineering Officer, 24th Engineers, U. S. A., A. E. F.

Capt. James B. Conkling, Co. C, 113th Inf., 29th Div., A. E. F.

Capt. R. G. Ralli, Headquarters Co., 9th Btn., Qst. Art'y, Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky.

Second Lieut. Elmer H. French, Columbia University, New York City.

Sergt. Worley H. Dunlap, Co. B, 115th Inf., A. E. F., France, A. P. O., No. 765, via New York.

Sergt. Ernest S. Higgins, Co. B, 325th Inf., A. E. F.

Sergt. Henry V. Kinney, Co. 16, 4th Btn., 1st M. M. Regt. S. C., Secteur Postal No. 147, A. E. F.

Sergt. John Martin, Battery D, 12th F. A., A. E. F.

Sergt. E. L. Miller, Co. F, 311th Inf., A. E. F., via New York.

Sergt. George L. Morrison, Co. M, 3rd Eng. Training Reg., Camp Humphreys, Va.

Sergt. Stanley H. Reese, Co. 38, 10th Btn., 153rd Depot Brigade, Camp Dix, N. J.

Corp. Oscar Dilts, Co. F, Paris Island, S. C.

Corp. Max Hansen, Co. K, 114th Inf., 29th Div., A. E. F.

Corp. George L. Hummel, Battery F, 112th H. F. A., 29th Div., A. E. F., via N. Y.

Corp. Joseph E. Kirch, Co. F, 113th Inf., 29th Div., A. E. F.

Corp. Edmund M. Templin, Co. M, 165th Inf., Rainbow Div., A. E. F.

Chas. Allegar, Co. 6, 2nd Btn., 7th Eng. Training Reg., Camp Humphreys, Va.

Edwin H. Addis.

Chas. D. Beckman.

Edward Blesser, A. E. F.

Benjamin A. Borman, Co. A, 311th Inf., A. E. F., via New York. Wounded in action September 14, 1918.

Elmer Borman, Co. F, 113th Inf., 29th Div., A. E. F.

Clifford E. Cole, S. S. Kentuckian, Newport News, Va.

J. Raymond Cutter, Evacuation Hospital No. 11, A. E. F.

Alfred DeNise, Recruit Cavalry Co., Camp Seward, Ft. Bliss, Tex.

Benj. DeNise, Co. F, 113th Inf., 29th Div., A. E. F.

William LaBaw Egel.

Allen W. Layton, Co. A, 335th M. G. Btn., 87th Div., A. E. F.

Howard S. Leek, Headquarters Co., 69th F. A., Camp Knox, West Point, Ky.

Leslie Leland, Co. 20, 5th Btn., 153rd Depot Brigade, Camp Dix, N. J.

Millard K. McAfee, Headquarters Co., 59th Pioneer Inf., A. E. F.

Oscar T. Peterson.

J. Wilbur Schomp, Co. M, 72nd Inf. In memoriam, Oct. 18, 1918.

Russell Sears, Co. 14, Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C.

Alfred Schjarbach, Co. F, 113th Inf., 29th Div., A. E. F.

Harold E. Storr, Co. F, 113th Inf., 29th Div., A. E. F.

Ray Trimmer, Co. 6, 7th Eng. Training Reg., Camp Humphreys, Va.

Harry Uhler.

Edwin L. Voorhees, Battery F, 112th H. F. A., 29th Div., A. E. F.

Charles K. Wendell, 165th Ambulance Co., 117th Sanitary Train, Rainbow Div., A. E. F.

James P. Wilson.

Alfred Willett, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Walter Wilson, Co. A, 311th Inf., A. E. F.

LeRoy B. Woodhull, Quartermaster's Dept., N. Y. City.

NAVY

Lemuel D. Woolston, Ottawa, Overseas, C. A. S. C. Depot, Petervaira Camp, Ontario, Canada.

John Frederick Wirth, Provision Co. No. 5, Camp Gron, A. E. F., Amer. Postoffice 701.

Lieut. Herbert B. Renninger, 13th Reg., 2nd Btn., S. S. M. C., A. E. F.

Chas. W. Harvey, U. S. S. DeKalb, % Postmaster, N. Y.

Harry W. Kirch, A. P., 7th Reg., 2nd Co., U. S. Naval Training Sta., Newport, R. I.

Justin A. Schjarbach.

Robert Thatcher, 124 C. St., S. E. Washington, D. C.

Joseph Wherry, A. P., 3rd Naval Dis. Div., Bridgeport, Conn.

Harold R. Williams, Co. 228, Unit D, Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Va.

Ensign Edison A. Woodhull, New York City.

RED CROSS NURSES

Miss Ruth L. Berg, Camp Beauregard, La.

Miss Ella Conover.

Miss Elizabeth C. Randall, Base Hospital No. 58, Army Nurse Corps, A. E. F.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, Base Hospital, Camp Merritt, N. J.

Y. M. C. A. WORK.

Frederick S. Cutter, Camp Merritt, N. J.

WAR WORK.

Miss Marguerite Van Zandt, 3220 17th St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

Willard B. Martin, Chief Clerk, War Industries Board, Washington, D. C.

Howard S. Lambert, Washington, D. C.

AVIATION.

C. LeRoy Mowen, Lanley Aviation Field, Hampton, Va.

AMERICAN MOTOR CORPS.

Mrs. Russell C. Campbell.

Sixty-five members of this congregation were enrolled in the service of our country, for whom a memorial tablet was erected in our church and unveiled on Sunday morning, April 10, 1921. Special music was rendered by the quartette choir and a large chorus.

Rev. John Y. Broek in his Memorial address said:

This memorial will bear testimony to the Bigness of the World War. Never shall we forget the catastrophe that caused

four-fifths of the population of the world to be engaged in this struggle; that cost 100 billion dollars; that make ready 40 million men for the conflict; that called for the supreme sacrifice of their lives of eight million, three hundred thousand men; that crippled two million, five hundred thousand for life.

In any previous war the number pitted against each other was two million. The wars for the last 125 years cost only twenty-two billion dollars. Yet during the time that America was engaged in the war, it was costing our country thirty-nine million dollars each day or four hundred and fifty dollars each second. And still this is the tragic thing about war. Loss of money can be repaired, but loss of life never. It is the most precious possession that can be laid upon the altar of service.

This tablet will also testify to the issue involved in this war.

We entered it only as a stern necessity. How long did we hesitate before we engaged in this conflict. It seemed as though God beckoned to America with her abundant resources of men and money, and with her high Christian ideals to take her part in this contest and to bring it to a speedy and righteous conclusion.

The issue at stake was—Shall righteousness rule the world or brute autocratic force. It has been essentially Christendom's war. The only way to conserve and to keep the good gained by the war, is to make the world Christian. As a natural result of such an upheaval, the world is upset in every department of her activity—business, social and religious. The Spirit of Christ was never more needed than at present. The Religion of Christ is able to meet the needs of the world today. Service must be exalted, self must be crucified and Jesus Christ must be magnified. We must have a religion that will not only transfuse the individual life and regenerate it, but also Christianize our governments and thus make our religion one that will be worthy to be exported to every nation on earth. Only in that way can righteousness be established upon the earth.

The reason this tablet is erected is to perpetuate the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice and to express our appreciation of the devoted service of those who responded to the call of country. Four of our number gloriously laid down

their lives—two from sickness in hospitals and two in the heart of the fight on the battle plowed fields of France. Others carry with them the scars received in battle and these scars are their glory. Some were advanced to majors, captains, lieutenants, sergeants and ensigns. Some served as Red Cross nurses, binding up the wounds, and others as Y. M. C. A. secretaries, stimulating the morale of those in service. The vast majority did heroic service as privates on land and sea. We do them all the worthy honor due their service.

We through this memorial, express the love and esteem in which their devoted lives live in our hearts and memories. This had to be shown in a tangible way. Memory is a wonderful thing. It was Wordsworth who said:

“The thought of my past years
Doth breed in me perpetual benediction.”

This tablet also pays tribute to the peerage of character. Character is after all the greatest asset of life. The service they rendered was so beautiful and blessed, because it was patterned after the perfect life of Christ. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” The “Christ in Flanders” was the inspiration of so many lives.

Have you seen Him on fields of Flanders
With His brave and tender smile?
Did He ease your load on that shell-swept road,
On that last long mile?
Did you meet Him among your comrades
From far and distant lands?
In the sun’s red glare, did you see Christ there
With the heart of France in His hands?

I have prayed in her fields of poppies
I have laughed with the men who died—
But in all my ways, and through my days
Like a friend He walked beside.
I have seen a sight under heaven
That only God understands
In the battle’s glare, I have seen Christ there
With the sword of God in His hands.

The following is the inscription on the memorial tablet :

In honor of the members of this congregation who responded to their country's call for service in the World War, 1917-1919.

Edwin H. Addis
Charles A. Allegar
Charles D. Beckman
Ruth L. Berg
Edward Blesser
Benjamin H. Borman
Clifford E. Cole
James B. Conkling
Ella Conover
Frederick S. Cutter
J. Raymond Cutter
Alfred DeNise
Benjamin DeNise
Oscar K. Dilts
Worley H. Dunlap
William LaBaw Egel
Elmer H. French
Max Hansen
Charles W. Harvey
Ernest S. Higgins
Richard B. Hiller
George L. Hummell
Henry V. Kinney
Harry W. Kirch
Joseph E. Kirch
Allan W. Layton
Howard S. Leek
Leslie N. Leland
Millard K. McAfee
John Martin
Eric L. Miller
George L. Morrison

C. LeRoy Mowen
Oscar T. Peterson
Reginald G. Ralli
Elizabeth C. Randall
Stanley H. Reese
Herbert B. Renninger
J. Wilbert Schomp
Russell Sears
Alfred Schjarbach
Justin A. Schjarbach
Paul Frederick Smith
William Sowden
George F. Stephens
Harold E. Storr
Edmund M. Templin
Charles T. Todd
Ray Trimmer
Harry Uhler
Edward Van Winkle
Frederick W. Vogel
Edwin L. Voorhees
Charles K. Wendell
Joseph H. Wherry
Alfred E. Willett
Harold R. Williams
Elizabeth Wilson
James P. Wilson
Walter Wilson
John Frederick Wirth
Edson A. Woodhull
LeRoy B. Woodhull
Lemuel D. Woolston

The following resolutions were passed by the Consistory :

Whereas, On the sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, the President and Congress of the United States have officially declared that a state of war existed between our country and the Imperial Government of Germany.

And whereas, The Reformed Church in America, the oldest church in America has received the protection of our country during these many years of her existence.

Resolved that we, the Consistory of Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., do hereby recognize the justice of the action of the President and Congress of the United States; that we hereby pledge anew our allegiance and loyalty to our President, our Flag, and our Country, and to these eternal principles of freedom and righteousness, for which our nation has ever stood; that we pray that this war may be brought to a speedy close with the establishment of a permanent peace and righteousness on the earth.

Resolved, that a special committee be hereby appointed, consisting of Messrs. A. W. Dunavan, F. S. Cutter, L. M. Leek, F. E. Smith, E. F. Sheppard, to have special care over the young men of this church who are serving our country at the front, and to invite any members of the National Guard who are stationed in this vicinity to participate in the services and privileges of this church.

Resolved, that the American Flag is hereby ordered to be displayed in the church auditorium until the close of the present war.

Resolved, that a copy of these Resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of Consistory, be published in our church calendar and that a copy be sent to our President.

Done in meeting of Consistory, this thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.

JOHN Y. BROEK, President.
E. F. SHEPPARD, Clerk.

XII. MUSIC

In the modern church, music has a very essential place in the conduct of worship.

Music has had a unique history in Trinity Reformed Church. During the period of the occupancy of this building by Central Reformed Church, a melodian was used and the choir loft was over the front door entrance.

In 1871 the first pipe organ was built by Lebagh and Kemp and that organ was used continuously for a period of forty years. On Friday, July 14, 1882, it was partially destroyed by fire, but was rebuilt by the Midner Organ Company. The last service on the old organ was held on Sunday evening, November 19, 1910. On March 12, 1911, the present organ was presented to our church by Elder Albert Lewis Force and his daughter, Miss Lillian A. Force, in loving memory of Clara M. Force. An account of the dedication of this organ is given elsewhere in this history. The scheme of the organ consists of two manuals of 61 notes each, and pedals of 30 notes, a great organ with 549 pipes, swell organ of 842 pipes and a pedal organ of 90 pipes, making a total of 1,481 pipes.

During the period that this church belonged to the Congregationalist body from 1871 to 1878, the organist was Mrs. Josie Freeman. Later she continued as the organist of Grace Episcopal Church of this city for a period of 28 years.

The first organist in Trinity Reformed Church was Mr. H. W. Lindsley who lived across the street from the church and who served until November 1, 1881. He was succeeded by Professor Schmitt who served from November 1, 1881, to February 9, 1882, and he was followed by Mr. Joseph P. Howatt who was engaged as organist until May 1, 1882.

On May 1, 1882, Mr. Arthur Louis Titsworth became organist and served in that capacity continuously until May 1, 1928, over a period of 46 years of service. It is a most remarkable and unique record and both the church and the organist are to be congratulated on this long and faithful service.

Prior to the coming to the Trinity organ Mr. Titsworth served for five years, from 1877 to 1882, as organist of the Park

Avenue Baptist Church and at the Seventh Day Baptist Church from 1877 to 1885. "One of the souvenirs of his long service at Trinity is a left shoe of the old pointed toe style which he used since 1888 for the keys which he played by the left foot. A place in the sole was worn thin by constant use and he wore this shoe because through the thin sole he had a better sense of touch on the keys."

Mr. Titsworth had many anniversaries. In April, 1902, he observed his twentieth anniversary with a special musical service and was presented with a purse of gold. The quartette was composed of Miss Ethel May Derby, soprano; Miss Minnie Williams, alto; Mr. Horace J. Martin, tenor, and Mr. Joseph C. Martin, bass.

In 1889 the quartette was composed of Miss V. Bonnie Dale, soprano; Mrs. Elias Bird, contralto; Mr. D. J. Randall, tenor, and Mr. Robert Gorton, bass.

In 1893 the quartette was composed of Miss E. Krymer, soprano; Miss E. Gillem, alto; Mr. T. E. Hazell, tenor; Mr. A. J. Moore, bass.

In 1898 Mr. Horace J. Martin conducted a large chorus choir of mixed voices. In 1905 the chorus choir was under direction of Mr. Titsworth.

In 1908 the members of the quartette were Miss S. Etta Raybert, soprano; Miss Winifred Carroll, contralto; Mr. Edmund D. Young, tenor, and Mr. Frederick S. Cutter, bass.

The 30th anniversary of Mr. Titsworth as organist was appropriately celebrated on Sunday, April 28, 1912, before a large congregation. He was presented with a purse of gold. The members of the quartette were: Soprano, Miss Sara Etta Raybert; Contralto, Mrs. Charles Kendall Mason; Tenor, Mr. Edmund D. Young; Bass, Mr. Roy Edward Titsworth.

Special mention should be made of the services of Mr. Frederick S. Cutter as bass soloist, who served without compensation for many years most faithfully and efficiently because of his great love for his church.

Miss Sara Etta Raybert, soprano soloist, and Mr. Edmund Dorn Young, tenor soloist, have had a remarkable record of

faithful continuous service for the past 24 years. It is a service which is graciously appreciated.

The fortieth anniversary of Mr. Titsworth as organist, was observed on Sunday evening, April 30, 1922, by a large congregation. He was again presented with a purse of gold by the minister, Dr. John Y. Broek, who also felicitated Mr. Titsworth. He also preached a short sermon on "The Power of Music." The members of the quartette were Miss Sara Etta Raybert, soprano; Miss Eunice Eckert, contralto; Mr. Edmund Dorn Young, tenor; Mr. Herbert Reed Byard, bass.

The Consistory adopted the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS OF CONSISTORY.

Whereas, Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth has had the unique record of completing forty years of faithful, efficient and continuous service as the organist of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, New Jersey, on Sunday evening, April 30, 1922:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That we the Consistory express our deep appreciation of the faithfulness, ability and the character of the service rendered. Music in the House of God is an essential feature to the worship of God. During these forty years, he has produced music that has tended to increase the spirit of worship, reverence and devotion. He has ever manifested excellent judgment in the interpretation of sacred music. He assumed the position of organist and director of music when our church organization was only two years old; has witnessed, during his term of service, the rise of this church from its early struggles, to its present position of strength, and has formed abiding friendships with members of this congregation. Such an extraordinary record requires special recognition.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our Minutes, published on our Church Calendar, and that a copy be presented to Mr. Titsworth.

Done in the meeting of Consistory this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-two.

JOHN Y. BROEK, President.

WILBUR E. MOKE, Clerk.

The forty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Titsworth was celebrated on Sunday evening, April 24, 1927. It was an evening of choice selections by favorite composers as selected by Mr. Titsworth. It was an evening long to be remembered. The members of the choir were Miss Sara Etta Raybert, soprano; Mrs. Paul M. Yeaton, contralto; Mr. Edmund Dorn Young, tenor; Mr. Finley Sharp Lake, bass; Rosemary Evans, harpist; Mr. Frederick Millar, bass soloist.

Mr. Norman Nairn began his services as organist June 1, 1928, and is rendering most efficient service.

"The Hymnal of the Reformed Church" was introduced on May 8, 1927, taking the place of The Church Hymnary used for many years. The choir began to wear gowns on Dec. 19, 1926.

XIII. LEGACIES AND MEMORIALS

The love of members for this church has been evidenced by legacies received from time to time as follows: 1904, \$5,000 from Mr. Benjamin A. Hegeman; in 1908, \$500 from Mrs. Sarah A. Crane; in 1919, \$1,000 from Rev. Cornelius Schenck; in 1921, \$2,000 from Mr. Garret Q. Dolliver, for use of the Bible School; in 1921, \$1,000 from Mrs. Annie Hoyt Peck; in 1923, \$100 from Miss Hattie E. Loree, the interest to be used for the Arabian Mission; on November 13, 1925, Dr. J. Ackerman Coles gave \$500 in memory of his grandfather, Jonathan C. Ackerman, late of New Brunswick, N. J. Mr. F. S. Cutter has on four different occasions given \$500, and also an additional \$500 to the Jubilee Fund.

Legacies have also been left to the Boards of our church by our members as follows: in 1913, \$15,700 by Mrs. Charles Hazell to the Board of Domestic Missions; in 1921, \$500 by Garret Q. Dolliver to Dr. Paul W. Harrison; in 1921, \$500 by Rev. Cornelius Schenck to the Board of Education. Gifts have been made by Jonathan Ackerman Coles, A. B., A. M., M. D., LL.D., through our church to various causes as follows: on January 17, 1923, \$1,000 for endowment of Central College; on April 26, 1923, \$1,000 for the Ministers Fund, in memory of his uncle, Mr. J. Hervey Ackerman, whom Dr. Ray-

mond called "one man in a thousand;" in 1923, \$1,000 to the Women's Board of Domestic Missions; on February 1, 1924, \$1,000 for a new building at Central College; on February 1, 1924, the gift of a Marble Bronze of Mozart, valued at \$5,000, to Central College; in June, 1924, \$1,000 to the endowment of Central College; on November 7, 1924, \$1,000 toward the erection of the first Christian Church in Arabia, to be located at Bagdad, as a memorial to the founders, Rev. James Cantine, D. D., and Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D. D., LL.D. May the hearts of others be similarly moved to make provisions in their wills for our church.

MEMORIALS

The Communion Table was the gift of Mrs. Jane Roome, given on April 29, 1881. She was the widow of Judge William J. Roome, a police judge in New York City. She was the mother of Jane Roome, the first wife of Mr. Benjamin A. Hegeman, and also Katherine Roome, the second wife of Benjamin A. Hegeman. Judge and Mrs. William J. Roome were members of Central Reformed Church.

The beautiful oil painting of the Coat of Arms of our historic church, which adorns the south wall of the church, was presented on February 12, 1911, by Elder Albert L. Force, in loving memory of his wife, Clara M. Force. It is declared by lovers of the Coat of Arms to be the finest of its kind in existence. It was painted by Mr. Albert Buccini, of New York.

A Bible for the Bible School was presented by Mrs. Julia Beach in memory of her husband, Mr. Joseph Beach, on March 7, 1897.

The enlarged photograph of Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph.D., was presented by Elders Robert Clark, Jr., and Albert L. Force in 1908.

The enlarged photograph of Rev. John Y. Broek was presented by Mrs. Eliza Anne Parse on May 11, 1914.

The enlarged photograph of Rev. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond, D. D., LL. D., L. H. D., was presented by the congregation on October 5, 1919. The enlarged photograph of

Elder Benjamin Arrowsmith Hegeman was presented by the Hegeman family in 1916.

The large American flag was presented by the congregation in 1917.

The flags of the Allies—England, France, Belgium, Italy were presented by Mrs. John Y. Broek in 1918.

Pulpit Bible, presented by Mr. Garrett Quick Dolliver in loving memory of his wife, Kate Staats Dolliver, on June 1, 1919.

Hymn Board, presented by Mrs. William A. Woodruff.

Hymn Board presented by Mr. Garrett Quick Dolliver.

Endowment of a bed in the hospital at Kuwait, Arabia, by the Bible School on March 16, 1913.

The enlarged photograph of Rev. Edward Payson Johnson, D. D., on September 18, 1927.

Five hundred copies of the "Hymns for Living Age" were presented to Hope College, Holland, Michigan, by Dr. J. Ackerman Coles in 1923, at a cost of \$675.

A beautiful and artistic hammered brass flower vase, made by special design by Gorham and Company, New York, was presented on Sept. 26, 1926, by Mrs. Henry S. Wormald in memory of her sister, Zaida L. Farnham. The inscription is as follows:

"Presented to Trinity Reformed Church by Mrs. Henry S. Wormald in memory of her sister, Zaida L. Farnham, 1926."

On May 13, 1928, a beautiful silk American flag was presented to the church by Mrs. Bertram F. Tallamy in loving memory of her parents, William V. and Elizabeth A. Dalley.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, 1929, the silk Christian flag was presented to the church by Mrs. John Y. Broek in memory of her mother, Sarah F. Tubbs. The inscription is as follows:

In loving memory of Sarah F. Tubbs. Presented by her daughter, Florence Tubbs Broek.

Enlarged photograph of Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., on September 22, 1929.

Mrs. Katharine Emily Roome Hegeman, second wife of Benjamin A. Hegeman, Sr., died at her home, 37 Sycamore Avenue, on October 29, 1898. She was the daughter of Judge and

Mrs. William J. Roome. She left \$1,000 to Salvation Army and \$1,000 to Trinity Reformed Church.

On June 11, 1930, a Baptismal Font was presented in memory of Mr. Lucian C. and Emma C. Sheppard by their children, Mrs. Elmer S. Garretson, Mr. Edgar F. Sheppard and Mr. Luther L. Sheppard. It was made by the Manitowoc Church Furniture Co., Waukesha, Wis. On the Font is a plate bearing the following inscription:

In Memory of
Lucian C. Sheppard
Emma C. Sheppard

Presented by
Lizzie S. Garretson
Luther L. Sheppard
Edgar F. Sheppard

RESOLUTIONS OF CONSISTORY

Whereas the consistory of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, New Jersey, has been advised by Mrs. Lizzie S. Garretson, Mr. Edgar F. Sheppard and Mr. Luther L. Sheppard of their desire to place a Baptismal Font in our church in memory of their father and mother, Lucian C. and Emma C. Sheppard,

Resolved that we, the consistory, accept this most appropriate gift with sincere thanks and appreciation; that it be used for the first time on Sunday, October 12, 1930, and dedicated to the service of God; that we pay tribute to the lives of these noble and devoted servants of God, loyal members of this church for so many years, for whom this gift is given as a memorial. Mr. Lucian C. Sheppard entered the higher service on March 6, 1913, and his devoted wife, Emma C. Sheppard, on February 4, 1930. It is a noteworthy fact that for many years, four generations of the Sheppard family attended the sessions of the Bible School and one of their sons, Mr. Edgar F. Sheppard, now serves as Superintendent of the

Bible School and in former years as a deacon and elder on the consistory, serving for twenty-five years as its efficient clerk.

Resolved that these resolutions be placed on our minutes, published in the church calendar and a copy be sent to the family.

Done in the meeting of the consistory held the eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty.

JOHN Y. BROEK, *President.*

WILBUR E. MOKE, *Clerk.*

David Fisher Yeaton, born August 27, 1930, son of Paul Murray Yeaton and Anne Margaret Fisher, was the first child baptized in the Font.

CHURCH LIBRARY.

The church library was started by the gift of three hundred books by Mrs. Cornelius Schenck from Dr. Schenck's library on April 25, 1920, and was placed in the pastor's study. Since this initial gift about forty books on the history of the Reformed Church in America have been added by the Consistory.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

Four memorial windows placed in our Church by the George Hardy Payne Company, of Paterson, were unveiled at the morning service, on September 26, 1926. Three are figure windows and one is an ornamental window.

The ornamental window is in memory of Miss Elizabeth Agnes Pulver and was presented by the Christian Endeavor Society. The inscription is as follows:

In Loving Memory
of
ELIZABETH AGNES PULVER
Union County C. E. Missionary
Christian Endeavor Memorial

The figure window entitled, "Christ the Good Shepherd," was presented in memory of Mr. Winfield S. Schomp and Mrs. Arabella V. D. Schomp. The inscription is as follows:

In Loving Memory
of
WINFIELD S. SCHOMP
And his Wife, ARABELLA V. D. SCHOMP

The figure window entitled, "Christ in Gethsemane," was presented by Mr. Frederick S. Cutter in memory of his mother. The inscription is as follows:

In Loving Memory
of
CAROLINE P. CUTTER
A Devoted Mother

The figure window entitled, "Christ Knocking at the Door," was presented by Mrs. Will F. Williams in memory of her father, Elder Albert L. Force. The inscription is as follows:

In Loving Memory
of
ELDER ALBERT L. FORCE
April 16, 1846
March 7, 1915
Faith of our Fathers, Holy Faith
We Will be True to Thee till Death

On February 19, 1928, the figure window entitled "The Ascension of Christ," presented by Mr. S. A. Campbell and his wife, Sarah Witter Campbell, in memory of their son, Russell Witter Campbell, and their grandson, Russell Witter Campbell, Second, who together with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Hahn Dunavan, and his niece, Helen Ruth O'Neil, lost their lives on September 17, 1927, in the Hadley Field disaster. What was, undoubtedly the most impressive funeral ever held in this city was that of these four members of this church, on September

22, 1927, attended by over 1,500 people. The inscription is as follows:

Presented by
S. A. CAMPBELL and His Wife
SARAH WITTER CAMPBELL
In memory of their son
RUSSELL WITTER CAMPBELL
and their grandson
Russell Witter Campbell, Second
Who Entered the Higher Service
September 17, 1927

On October 21, 1928, a figure window "Come unto Me," in memory of Rev. and Mrs. Cornelius Schenck was unveiled, presented by their sons. The inscription is as follows:

In Memoriam
REV. CORNELIUS SCHENCK
and SARAH E. SCHENCK
Pastor and Pastor Emeritus 1887-1919
Presented by their sons.

All the old records of Trinity Reformed Church, comprising the archives, have been placed in the vault of the Plainfield Trust Company.

On May 25, 1930, enlarged photographs of Rev. and Mrs. John Simonson, the first minister of Central Reformed Church, and his wife were presented to the church by Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D.

Major Edward Van Winkle, a member of this church is the author of the book, "Manhattan 1624-1639," published by G. P. Putnam's Sons. He also compiled the records of the following books: "Domine Henricus Selyns," "Records of New York 1686-7" and "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Bergen, N. J., now Jersey City; they were published by the Holland Society of New York of which the Major was the honored Secretary for a number of years. All these books are exceedingly rich in historical information in connection with our historic Reformed Church.

On May 12, 1929, the beautiful Pulpit and Altar Cloths were presented by Mrs. Jennie Sears French in honor of her mother, Mrs. Norman C. Sears who gave many hours of service to this church. Mrs. Sears died on July 26, 1929.

XIV. BIBLE SCHOOL

The Bible School was organized April 11, 1880, with an enrollment of 62. By the end of the first year, it had grown to 202, with offerings amounting to \$196. The first officers of the school were: Superintendent, Henry L. Lindsley; Assistant, David O. Kilbourn; Secretary and Treasurer, Alburtus Swalm; Librarian, Frederick Van Emburgh; Leaders of Music, Miss Etta Van Duyn and Mrs. S. L. Stewart; Mr. Wintzbach, leader of singing.

The teachers were as follows: John Ulrich, Theodore Mace, William B. Stewart, David O. Kilbourn, Miss Vandenberg, Isaac Gaston, Garret T. Van Winkle, Miss Anna Garretson, Mrs. Josephine M. Tier, Mrs. Samuel C. Peck, George Gayle, John H. Van Winkle, George L. Van Emburgh, Mrs. Insley Gardner, Miss Ella C. Benedict, Mrs. William E. Mattison, Joseph Maier, Daniel Van Winkle, T. A. Schofield, Miss Etta Van Duyn, Mrs. Anna C. Crawford, Fred H. Martin, William D. W. Miller.

The Primary Department was called the "Buds of Promise" with Mrs. Sheppard L. Stewart and Miss Nellie Mattison as superintendents. They were followed by Mrs. Josephine M. Tier and Miss Mary Berkaw.

The following have served as Superintendents:

Henry Lindsley, April, 1880-July, 1881
Charles S. West, July, 1881-February, 1883
William D. W. Miller, February, 1883-April, 1883
George L. Van Emburgh, April, 1883-April, 1884
Edward E. Anthony, April, 1884-February, 1902
Frederick E. Smith, February, 1902-April, 1927
Edgar F. Sheppard, April 1927-

Superintendents of Primary Department:

Mrs. Sheppard L. Stewart, April, 1880-April, 1885
Mrs. George F. Opdyke, April, 1885-April, 1886
Miss Caroline Haviland, April, 1886-April, 1888
Mrs. Peter H. Bennett, April, 1888-April, 1892
Mrs. Josephine M. Tier, April, 1892-April, 1916
Mrs. Harry M. Cooke, April, 1916

Superintendents of the Beginners' Department. Organized 1900:

Miss Mary Berkaw, January, 1900-September, 1906
Mrs. Henry E. Gayle, September, 1906-December, 1912
Miss Helen L. Smith, December, 1912-June, 1915
Miss K. Winifred Rapalje, June, 1915-April, 1917
Miss Edna A. Dilts, April, 1917-

Superintendents of the Intermediate Department. Organized April, 1912:

Frederick M. Smith, April, 1912-April, 1914
Mrs. Emma L. Smith, April, 1914-April, 1918
Miss May A. Randolph, April, 1918-1922
Mrs. Richard V. Kinney, 1922-

Superintendents of the Junior Department. Organized in 1903:

Mrs. Lewis R. Schofield, January, 1903-1908
Miss Mabel Wilson, January, 1908-June, 1915
Miss Lena Bohan, June, 1915-August, 1920
Miss Anna K. E. Bach, August, 1920-1923
Miss Helen M. Woodruff, 1923-

Superintendent of Young People's Division. Organized November, 1923:

George W. Anderson, November, 1923-November, 1924
William R. Kriney, November, 1924-

Superintendent of Adult Department:

Henry P. Seader, November, 1926-

The following have served as Assistant Superintendents:

David O. Kilbourn, April, 1880-April, 1881
Theodore Mace, April, 1881-April, 1883
William D. W. Miller, April, 1883-April, 1884

John H. Van Winkle, April, 1884-April, 1887
Oscar W. Dunham, April, 1887-January, 1892
Frederick E. Smith, January, 1892-February, 1902
Horace J. Martin, February, 1902-January, 1914
Edgar F. Sheppard, January, 1914-April, 1919
Charles M. Dolliver, April, 1919-April, 1920
William F. Oliver, April, 1920-April, 1921
Edgar F. Sheppard, April, 1921-April, 1927
Wilbur E. Moke, April, 1927-

The following have served as Second Assistant Superintendents :

Mrs. Frank E. Woodruff, January, 1912-January, 1913
Edgar F. Sheppard, January, 1913-January, 1914
William F. Oliver, January, 1914-April, 1920
William R. Kriney, April, 1920-April, 1921
John C. Osborne, April, 1921-

The following have served as Secretaries :

Alburtus Swalm, April, 1880-April, 1882
Salmon C. Baker, April, 1882-April, 1883
Fred H. Martin, April, 1883-June, 1883
Edward E. Anthony, June, 1883-April, 1884
H. E. Scott, April, 1884-April, 1885
Peter H. Bennett, April, 1885-April, 1887
Elias H. Bird, April, 1887-December, 1907
Chauncey F. Colthar, December, 1907-April, 1916
William J. Trembath, April, 1916-April, 1918
Chauncey F. Colthar, April, 1918-April, 1919
John B. Carhart, April, 1919-April, 1927
Henry A. Walters, April, 1927-

The following have served as Assistant Secretaries :

John C. Osborne, April, 1921-April, 1923
William LaTourette, April, 1923-April, 1927
Malcolm D. Sheppard, April, 1927-

The following have served as Treasurers :

Alburtus Swalm, April, 1880-April, 1882
Salmon C. Baker, April, 1882-April, 1886
Henry E. Gayle, April, 1886-April, 1892

William F. Oliver, April, 1892-January, 1899
 Alfred K. Willett, January, 1899-January, 1900
 Henry E. Gayle, January, 1900-January, 1908
 Charles M. Dolliver, January, 1908-January, 1913
 Russell C. Doeringer, January, 1913-January, 1914
 James Conkling, January, 1914-April, 1918.
 Arthur C. Backer, April, 1918-April, 1919
 John M. Welsh, April, 1919-January, 1924
 Charles T. Todd, January, 1924-

The following have served as Librarians:

Frederick H. Van Emburgh, April, 1880-April, 1882
 Ernest R. Ackerman, April, 1882-April, 1884
 J. Fred McDonald, April, 1884-April, 1886
 William H. Hardy, April, 1886-April, 1889
 Peter H. Bennett, April, 1889-April, 1891
 William A. Woodruff, April, 1891-January, 1896
 Harry W. Marshall, January, 1896-January, 1897
 Harry C. Van Emburgh, January, 1897-April, 1918
 Sidney E. Frazee, April, 1918-

The following have received diplomas from the State Teacher Training Department:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Miss Mary Bennett | Mr. Frederick E. Smith |
| Miss Caroline Beiter | Miss Jennie Sears |
| Miss Anna K. E. Bach | Mrs. Lewis R. Schofield |
| Miss Lena Bohan | Mrs. George E. Volk |
| Rev. John Y. Broek | Miss Lelia Wherry |
| Mrs. Arthur B. Cole | Miss Mabel Wilson |
| Miss Lucy M. Coriell | Mrs. George Church |
| Miss Myra M. Dunavan | Mrs. Leslie R. Crane |
| Miss Edna A. Dilts | Mrs. Russel C. Doeringer |
| Mr. Lawrence H. French | Mrs. Walter Hammond |
| Miss Elvira Hoerster | Miss Augusta Kreitling |
| Miss May Randolph | Mrs. Frederick M. Smith |
| Mrs. L. S. Smith | Miss Marguerite Van Zandt |

Mr. Frederick E. Smith resigned as Superintendent of the Bible School in 1928 after twenty-five years of continuous,

efficient and faithful service as Superintendent. His resignation was reluctantly accepted. The following resolutions were adopted:

At a meeting of the teachers and officers, Trinity Reformed Church Bible School, Plainfield, New Jersey, held February 18, 1927, the superintendent, Mr. Frederick E. Smith announced his intention of retiring and desired the Committee on Nomination to relieve him from his office. Whereupon at the annual meeting held on March 14, 1927, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, On April 1, 1927, our beloved and esteemed Superintendent, Mr. Frederick E. Smith, will have served twenty-five years of continuous service in that office, it is, therefore, fitting that we record our sincere appreciation of the successful and valuable services he has rendered for so long a period; and,

Whereas, He has expressed a desire to be relieved from the duties of this office to take effect at this time; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the committee in voicing the sentiments of the officers, teachers and members of all departments, desires to convey to Elder Smith their sincere gratitude for the foundation he has laid in encouraging class and departmental organization, for his gracious personality and efficient executive ability, manifested throughout the entire quarter of a century, his faithful and consecrated labors and high ideals in holding before us the Word of God as our guide and book of study.

Further, Resolved, That these resolutions be spread in full on our minutes and published in the Church calendar and a copy thereof presented to Elder Smith as a token of our sincere regard for him and regret for his retirement.

W. R. KRINEY,
H. P. SEADER,
R. C. DOERINGER,
MARGARET ROSENSTIEHL,
G. W. ANDERSON,
Committee.

The contributions of the Bible School for the first year were \$196. In 1905 the contributions were \$537. The total offerings of the Bible School for the first twenty-five years were \$12,648.66 of which \$3,222.83 were contributed to missions. The total contributions for the last twenty-five years were \$37,091.39, of which amount \$12,469.07 were contributed to missions or a grand total of contributions for the fifty years of \$49,740.05, of which amount \$15,691.90 were contributed for missions.

The total enrollment of the Bible School during the first year was 202, and the record attendance was 109. The total enrollment by years in the school is as follows:

| | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| 1880..... | 202 | 1893..... | 396 |
| 1881..... | 228 | 1894..... | 370 |
| 1882..... | 231 | 1895..... | 375 |
| 1883..... | 235 | 1896..... | 435 |
| 1884..... | 243 | 1897..... | 455 |
| 1885..... | 278 | 1898..... | 423 |
| 1886..... | 260 | 1899..... | 470 |
| 1887..... | 347 | 1900..... | 510 |
| 1888..... | 386 | 1901..... | 524 |
| 1889..... | 429 | 1902..... | 528 |
| 1890..... | 414 | 1903..... | 569 |
| 1891..... | 370 | 1904..... | 569 |
| 1892..... | 375 | | |

In 1905 the enrollment of the school was 759, and the record attendance was 438

In 1906, 856; in 1907, 813; in 1908, 808; in 1909, 1,023; in 1910, 1,071; in 1911, 1,095; in 1912, 1,170; in 1913, 1,151; in 1914, 1,156; in 1915, 1,116; in 1916, 1,109; in 1917, 1,051; in 1918, 1,021; in 1919, 960; in 1920, 960; in 1921, 860; in 1922, 831; in 1923, 776; in 1924, 767; in 1925, 767; in 1926, 725; in 1927, 740; in 1928, 791; in 1929, 808; in 1930, 802.

The largest attendance for the years is as follows: 1905, 471; 1906, 437; 1907, 421; 1908, 433; 1909, 475; 1910,

510; 1911, 518; 1912, 533; 1913, 623; 1914, 582; 1915, 467; 1916, 463; 1917, 463; 1918, 446; 1919, 370; 1920, 370; 1921, 369; 1922, 347; 1923, 324; 1924, 322; 1926, 328; 1927, 463; 1928, 350; 1929, 365.

From 1910 to 1918 it was the largest Bible School in Union County. The Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Young People's and Adult Departments are graded. Each department is organized and has a departmental superintendent. Rally and Promotion Day is observed. Children's Day, Christmas and Easter are celebrated by special services in the church under the auspices of the Bible School. The claims of Christ are presented before each Communion with the purpose of securing a decision of the individual student to accept Christ. Graded lessons are taught in the first five departments.

All the classes in the Adult, Young People's, Senior, Intermediate and some in the Junior departments are organized. The organization of these classes is helpful in maintaining interest and attendance. For some years Teacher Training classes were maintained. Delegates of the school are sent each year to the Summer School of methods and to conferences. Monthly meetings of the teachers and officers are held for the discussion of the work of the school.

The school is organized as a missionary society. Monthly offerings are taken for missions and some phase of missionary information is presented to the school by a speaker each month.

Music has always been featured in the school. A chorister leads the singing of hymns specially adapted to the Bible School age. A large volunteer orchestra adds much to the ministry of music.

The work is financed at eighty cents per capita expense in the school and twenty-five cents for the Home Department.

The present officers of the Bible School are as follows:

Superintendent—Edgar F. Sheppard.

Assistant Superintendent—Wilbur E. Moke.

Second Assistant Superintendent—John C. Osborn.

- Superintendent Adult Department—Henry P. Seader.
Superintendent Young People's Division—William R. Kriney.
Superintendent Senior Department—Daniel Reifsneider.
Superintendent Intermediate Department—Mrs. Richard V. Kinney.
Superintendent Junior Department—Miss Helen M. Woodruff.
Superintendent Primary Department — Mrs. Harry M. Cooke.
Superintendent Beginners Department—Miss Edna A. Dilts.
Superintendent Cradle Roll—Mrs. George Volk's Class.
Superintendent Home Department—Mrs. L. S. Smith.
Assistant Superintendent Home Department—Mrs. Elmer P. Wheeler.
Secretary Home Department—Mrs. George MacIntyre.
Treasurer Home Department—Miss Emma Hyler.
Secretary—Harry A. Walters.
Assistant Secretary—Malcolm D. Sheppard.
Second Assistant Secretary—Harold Kriney.
Treasurer—Charles T. Todd.
Assistant—John C. Osborn.

Among the organized classes the following may be mentioned:

- Band of Workers, Teacher, William F. Oliver. Organized March 9, 1908.
Loyal Band, Teacher, Henry P. Seader. Organized February 8, 1908.
St. Paul's Brotherhood, Teacher, Frederick E. Smith.
Challenge Bible Class (Young Women's), Teacher, Mrs. Frank E. Woodruff.
Fellowship Bible Class (Young Men's), Teacher, William R. Kriney.
Gleaners (Young Women's), Teacher, Mrs. George E. Volk.
Cheney Bible Class, Teacher, Mrs. Laura Cheney.

Total enrollment of the school is 808, of which 783 are active.

| Officers and Assistants : | On roll | Active |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Home Department | 4 | 4 |
| Cradle Roll | 1 | 1 |
| Beginners' Department | 3 | 3 |
| Primary Department | 2 | 2 |
| Juniors' Department | 2 | 2 |
| Adult, Senior and Intermediate .. | 11 | 11 |
| | — | — |
| | 23 | 23 |
| Teachers : | | |
| Primary | 9 | 9 |
| Juniors | 7 | 7 |
| Intermediate | 7 | 7 |
| Senior | 5 | 5 |
| Young People | 4 | 4 |
| Adult | 4 | 4 |
| | — | — |
| | 36 | 36 |
| Scholars : | | |
| Beginners | 37 | 37 |
| Primary | 56 | 56 |
| Juniors | 53 | 53 |
| Intermediate | 45 | 42 |
| Seniors | 34 | 32 |
| Young People | 64 | 47 |
| Adult | 125 | 122 |
| | — | — |
| | 414 | 389 |
| Total of above departments | 473 | 448 |
| Home Department | 244 | 244 |
| Cradle Roll | 91 | 91 |
| | — | — |
| Grand Total | 808 | 783 |

The enrollment shows a gain of seventeen scholars over last year, and the active list shows a gain of eighty-two.

The average attendance for the main school for the year ending March 31, 1929, for the various departments, is divided as follows:

| | For 12 months | For 9 months |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Officers | 13.3 | 13.9 |
| Teachers | 31.4 | 33.9 |
| Beginners | 22.6 | 24. |
| Primary | 38.1 | 40.7 |
| Juniors | 31.9 | 36. |
| Intermediate | 32.2 | 34.6 |
| Seniors | 19.9 | 22.4 |
| Young People | 23.5 | 25.9 |
| Adult Department | 66.8 | 70.1 |
| New Scholars | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Visitors | 6.1 | 6.3 |
| Total | <hr/> 287. | <hr/> 309. |

The average attendance for the twelve month period shows a gain of 14 scholars, and for the nine month period a gain of 14 scholars, over last year's report. We enrolled 65 new scholars, and there were 314 visitors during the year. The largest attendance was Easter Sunday, 1928, present 350. The smallest attendance was August 5, 1928, present 156. Largest monthly attendance was March, 1929, average 324. Smallest average attendance, August, 1928, 172. There was no session of Sunday School on September 2, 1928. Total attendance for the year was 14,287, showing a gain of 661 over previous year. Teachers and officers held four regular and seven special meetings during year.

The Home Department of the Bible School was organized in 1900. The following have served as Superintendents:

Miss Lillian Remsen, Jan., 1900-Jan., 1902; Mrs. George W. Saums, Jan., 1902-Jan., 1906; Mrs. C. E. Ball, Jan., 1906-Jan., 1909; Mrs. Henry Van Name, Jan., 1909-Jan., 1913;

Mrs. Julius J. Williams, Jan., 1913-Oct., 1916; Mrs. F. E. Woodruff, Oct., 1916-1926; Mrs. Emma L. Smith, 1926——.

The enrollment of the Home Department in 1901 was 84; in 1902, 130; in 1903, 151; in 1904, 190; in 1905, 208; in 1906, 201; in 1907, 193; in 1908, 190; in 1909, 335; in 1910, 410; in 1911, 420; in 1912, 420; in 1913, 412; in 1914, 398; in 1915, 373; in 1916, 376; in 1917, 361; in 1918, 381; in 1919, 371; in 1920, 357; in 1921, 338; in 1922, 338; in 1923, 324; in 1924, 314; in 1925, 296; in 1926, 261; in 1927, 256; in 1928, 255; in 1929, 244; in 1930, 229.

From 1909 to 1915, the Home Department was the second largest in the State of New Jersey.

XV. THE LADIES' CHRISTIAN WORK SOCIETY

At the suggestion of the Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, the Ladies' Christian Work Society was organized in April, 1881. During all these years, the women have been true to the five fold object of this society, viz: 1. To strive for the salvation of souls. 2. To visit the sick and the afflicted. 3. To seek out non-church going families. 4. To care for the social interests of the church. 5. To aid in the cause of missions.

By their indefatigable labors, the women have been a tower of strength in the giving of themselves to the service of Christ. Their organization is indispensable to the church's life and growth.

In the early years of this society there was also an auxiliary of young ladies connected with this society.

For the first 35 years of their organization, the society attended an annual church service in a body and presented the year's reports and a special sermon was preached by the minister. This custom gradually fell into disuse.

Those who have served as presidents of this society are the following:

Mrs. Andrew V. V. Raymond, May, 1881-1885; Mrs. Charles D. Wadsworth, May, 1885-1886; Mrs. Craig A. Marsh, May, 1887-1888; Miss Nettie Haviland, May, 1888-1889; Mrs. Charles P. Leggett, May, 1889-1894; Mrs. James K. Arnold, 1894; Mrs. Cornelius Schenck, 1894-1897; Mrs. Anna Gillem,

1897-1898; Mrs. Edward T. Van Winkle, 1898-1900; Mrs. Carman Parse, 1900-1907; Mrs. Albert L. Force, 1907-1909; Mrs. Carman Parse, 1909-1911; Mrs. Edward T. Van Winkle, 1911-1913; Mrs. Cornelius Schenck, 1913-1915; Mrs. Frank S. Templin, 1915-1917; Mrs. William H. Kirch, 1917-1919; Mrs. George W. Cole, 1910-1921; Mrs. John Y. Broek, 1921-1923; Mrs. Will F. Williams, 1923-1924.

On March 24, 1924, the Ladies' Christian Work Society, was merged with the Young Woman's Mission Band, and was reorganized under the name of the Woman's Guild. The young women were organized under the name of the Pulver Circle.

The following have served as presidents: Mrs. Will F. Williams, 1924-1927; Mrs. John Y. Broek, 1927-1929; Mrs. Bertram F. Tallamy, 1929-.

The present officers of the Guild are:

President, Mrs. Bertram F. Tallamy.

Vice President, Mrs. John Y. Broek.

Recording Secretary, Miss Anna Todd.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank E. Woodruff.

Treasurer, Miss Emma Hyler.

XVI. YOUNG WOMAN'S MISSION BAND

The Young Woman's Mission Band was organized in February, 1897. Its object was to create a deeper interest in missions among the young women. At their monthly meetings various phases of mission work were discussed and studied. Frequently they enjoyed speakers from the Missionary Boards. In 1915 the name was changed to the Mission Guild.

The following persons have served as Presidents:

Mrs. Charles P. Leggett, 1897; Mrs. Frank E. Woodruff, 1898-1899; Miss Lillian A. Force, 1900-1901; Miss Mabel Woodruff, 1902; Mrs. Frank E. Woodruff, 1903-1904; Miss Lillian A. Force, 1905-1907; Miss Mabel Wilson, 1907-1909; Mrs. Leonard S. Smith, 1909-1911; Mrs. Corra Ryno, 1911-1913; Miss Katherine Winifred Rapalje, 1913-1915; Mrs. Arthur B. Cole, 1915-1916; Mrs. Lindlau M. Leek, 1916-1918; Mrs. Will F. Williams, 1918-1920; Mrs. George W. Anderson, 1920-1921; Miss Helen M. Woodruff, 1921-1923; Mrs. George W. Anderson, 1923-1924.

XVII. THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized on the evening of October 5, 1885, at the suggestion of the pastor, Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, with 41 members—29 active and 12 associate. It was the first C. E. Society to be organized in Plainfield. It was the outgrowth of a young people's Bible class, meeting on Monday evening and taught by Mr. Frank Morse. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Henry E. Gayle; Vice-President, Mr. Herbert Bosterle; Secretary, Miss Fannie E. Mattison; Treasurer, Miss Emma F. Gillem.

At the time of the organization of this society, Christian Endeavor was almost unknown in the State of New Jersey. The first Christian Endeavor Society was organized February 2, 1881, in the Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Me., by the late Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D.

"On April 11, 1882, the Congregational Church, Chester, organized the first society in this State. This society was the seventh to be formed in the United States and the first West of the Hudson River. The second oldest society in New Jersey is that of the Presbyterian Church, Jamesburg. The third society in the State and the first organized in Essex County, was that of the Reformed Church, Belleville. The New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union was organized on December 1, 1886, and the first State convention was held in October, 1887. There were then only 39 societies in existence in New Jersey. Now there are about 900, including approximately 500 young people's societies; 150 intermediate and 250 Junior."

During the first two years, 117 new names were added to the membership. The average attendance at the meetings for the year ending 1888 was eighty-one. In the early days of the Christian Endeavor movement it grew into the largest and most active society in the State. Throughout the 45 years of her existence, she has been a source of strength in moulding the Christian character of the young people of this church.

Many who were active members years ago are now officers of the church, while others hold responsible positions of service.

In 1905 the society joined the Plainfield Local Union which was organized for the purpose of helpfulness of all the societies of the city.

Miss Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer, addressed the society in Trinity Reformed Church on February 3, 1895. Dr. Francis E. Clark addressed a meeting in Trinity Church during the sessions of the State Convention on October 8, 1909.

The society has always been much interested in Miss Sarah Curry's Day Nursery in New York and her Fresh Air Camp at Netherwood. In later years, the fresh air work of Camp Endeavor, Inc., on the Watchung Mountains, undertaken by the societies of Union County, has been generously supported by this society.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of this society was appropriately observed on Tuesday evening, October 11, 1910. An address of welcome was extended by the pastor, Rev. John Y. Broek. Prayer was offered by Rev. Royal A. Stout, pastor of the Netherwood Reformed Church. Mr. Stewart gave the greeting from the Local Union. Miss Sara E. Raybert sang a solo. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Albert A. Pfanstiehl, of Somerville, N. J. Miss Harriet C. Randall gave a short history of the society.

The following have served as presidents :

Henry E. Gayle, 1885-1887; Charles D. Wheeler, 1887-1888; Fred S. Dunn, 1888-1890; William H. Hardy, 1890-1891; Miss Ella C. Benedict, 1891-1892; Bergen Carter, 1892-1893; Fred E. Smith, 1893-1895; William A. Crawford, 1895-1896; Alfred K. Willett, 1896-1897; Horace J. Martin, 1897-1899; Edgar F. Sheppard, 1899-1901; Harry F. Crawford, 1901-1902; Miss Mabel Wilson, 1902-1904; Harry F. Crawford, 1904-1905; Edmund D. Young, 1905-1906; William R. Kriney, 1906-1907; William LaTourette, 1907-1908; Mrs. LeRoy Layton, 1908-1909; Frederick L. Soper, 1909-1910; Miss Lucy M. Coriell, 1910-1912; Miss Anna K. E. Bach, 1912-1913; Russell C. Doeringer, 1913-1914; Miss Marie C. Hahn, 1914-1915; Miss May A. Randolph, 1915-1917; Miss Myra M. Dunavan,

1917-1919; Miss Elizabeth Brokaw, 1919-1920; Miss Mary Neal, 1920-1921; Miss May A. Randolph, 1921-1923; Earle S. Cooke, 1923-1926; J. Bergen Judson, 1926-1928; G. Edmund Young, 1928-1929; Miss Kathryn Ten Eyck, 1929-1930.

The present officers are the following:

President, Miss Kathryn Ten Eyck; Vice President, Mr. Emil A. Wich; Recording Secretary, Mr. Robert D. Reifsnieder; Corresponding Secretary, Miss V. Lorraine Dunavan; Treasurer, Miss Wilhelmina R. O'Neill.

XVIII. JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

The beginning of the organization of the world wide movement of Junior Christian Endeavor Societies dates back to the year 1885. In October, 1890, Rev. Dr. Cornelius Schenck suggested the organization of a Junior Christian Endeavor Society. The first meeting was held in October, 1890. Fifty-three members were enrolled. It was the first Junior Christian Endeavor Society organized in Plainfield.

The design of the society was to instruct its members in Bible truths, to cultivate an interest in Missions and to lead them to a public testimony of their love of Christ. In the early days of the society, in addition to the regular devotional exercises, catechetical instruction was given in Biblical truths by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Cornelius Schenck, and rewards were offered for the passing of a successful examination upon the completion of the course of study.

The society has borne evidence to the value of religious training in early youth, by the abundance of service it has given to the church. Many of the present Bible School teachers were led to give their first testimony of love to Christ in the Junior C. E. Society. In the child lies the future of the church.

The society has had a steady growth from the beginning of its organization. In 1909 and 1910 the society captured the State banner for highest per capita gifts for missions. In 1902, one hundred and twenty were reported on roll with an average attendance of 40.

The twentieth anniversary of the society was observed on Sunday evening, October 30, 1910. The society marched in

the church, singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers," led by Mrs. Richard V. Kinney, superintendent, and Mrs. Lafayette Rosenstiehl, assistant. The boys and girls then formed a cross and took part in a cross drill under direction of the president, Miss Jennie A. Sears.

The following program was presented: Prayer, Helen Thompson; response, Society; responsive reading, Elmer French; recitation, "Little Ones Like Me," W. Carman Trembath; Apostles' Creed, Society; Bible Keepsakes, Carman Trembath, Adolph Dealaman, Harry Dealaman, Edwin Addis, Albert Baker, Donald Willett, Alfred Zepp, Harold Woolley, George McDonald, Cecil McAfee; "What Jesus is Able to Do," Helen Foster, Ethel Doty, Dorothy Ross, Alva Hansen, Dorothy Seader, Helen Willett, Sylvia Givens, Anna Stuart, Dorothy Van Winkle, Willetta Ord.

The following anniversary song was sung:

Do you know the thing that happened
Just twenty years ago.
Why the starting of this Junior band
And you have watched it grow,
To Dr. Schenck we owe our thanks
And on him our love bestow
As we still onward go.

CHORUS

Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
As we still onward go.

Mr. Broek is now our pastor
In this year of nineteen ten
His smiling face we love to see
And welcome him as when
He comes into our meetings
With encouragement and then
We still shall onward go.

Rev. Mr. Broek made a short address in which he congratulated the Juniors upon the accomplishment of the past twenty years. He felt that some of them might be elders and deacons in the church and hoped that some might enter the gospel ministry. He gave the Juniors a text to remember "Behold I stand at the door and knock." He urged the Juniors to open the door of their hearts to Christ.

He also congratulated the society on winning the State banner which was held last year by the society in the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, his brother's church. He felt very sure of it, for he believed that the society would beat its best this year.

The program continued: Exercise, Junior C. E., Charles Wakefield, Howard Willett, Malcolm Sheppard, Raymond Vail, Eva Tainer, Marjorie Storr, Harriet Higgins, Theodosia Vail; Reading, Nellie's Gift, Helen McAfee; Offering song; Chant, "Our Pledge," Maude McAfee, Nellie McAfee, Jennie Sears, Adelaide Cole; Ella Van Arsdale; Exercise, "Mispah," Vera McCrady, Ruth Freeman, Hazel McCrady, Alma Allegar, Grace Sowden, Gladys Bye. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Y. Broek. Miss Marion Woolley read the report of the society. Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth was at the organ. Miss Maude McAfee read the history of the society.

The following have served as superintendents:

Miss Alice O. Smith, Mrs. Robert A. Meeker, Miss Mary Berg, assistant; Mrs. Cornelius Schenck, Mrs. Josephine M. Tier, 1900-1907; Miss Mary Berkaw, assistant; Mrs. Cornelius Schenck, 1908; Miss Mabel Wilson, assistant; Mrs. William Kriney, Mrs. William Tunison, Mrs. George Reighton, Mrs. Richard V. Kinney, 1909-1911; Mrs. Lafayette Rosenstiehl, 1910-1911; Miss Lena Bohan, 1911-1912; assistant, Miss Edna Bird; Miss Maud Guest, 1912-1913; assistant, Mrs. William G. Tunison; Mrs. LeRoy Layton, 1913-1914; assistant, Miss Edna Cole; Miss Florence Martenis, 1914-1915; assistant, Miss Lucy Coriell; Miss Lucy M. Coriell, 1915-1916; assistant, Miss Edna Dilts; Mrs. George C. Church, 1916-1917; Mrs. Allen W. Layton, 1917-1919; assistant, Mrs. Anna S.

Zimmer; Mrs. Richard V. Kinney, 1919-1920; assistant, Mrs. Richard B. Hiller; Mrs. Richard V. Kinney, 1920-1921; assistant, Miss Edna Dilts; Miss Edna A. Dilts, 1921-1922; assistant, Mrs. Richard B. Hiller; Miss Mildred I. Oliver, 1922-1923; assistant, Mrs. Leonora Beiter; Miss Mildred I. Oliver, 1923-1924; Miss Mildred I. Oliver, 1924-1927; assistant, Mrs. Carrie Wilson; Mrs. Raymond Dunn, 1927-1928; Miss Loraine Dunavan, 1928-1929; assistants, Misses Verna Dunavan, Kathryn Ten Eyck, Wilhelmina O'Neill; Mrs. Earle S. Cooke, 1929-1930; assistants, Misses Loraine Dunavan, Verna Dunavan and Kathryn Ten Eyck.

The following are the officers of the society: President, Theda Johnston; Vice President, Margaret S. Broek; Secretary, Eleanor Hennig; Treasurer, Jane Minnick.

XIX. THE DUTCH ARMS

The Dutch Arms, the men's organization was organized on January 22, 1909. It grew in favor and popularity and in 1915 had a membership of over 200. Its object was to promote friendship and social intercourse among its members. Monthly meetings were held. It aimed to bring the "Other Fellow" who had no church home into contact with our church, and as an association to form a body of loyal supporters to our church and her interests.

One of the outstanding features of the organization was the annual dinner held consecutively for over twenty years, which was attended by over 300 persons and addressed by most prominent ministers and laymen. It was a yearly event that was looked forward to, with great pleasure.

The presidents have been 1909-1910, Mr. Frederick S. Cutter; 1911, Mr. Edmund D. Young; 1912-1917, Mr. Arthur B. Cole; 1918-1923, Mr. Wilbur E. Moke.

In 1923 the Dutch Arms was merged with St. Paul's Brotherhood Bible Class.

XX. DUTCH ARMS BAND

Out of the Dutch Arms, grew that splendid musical organization known as the Dutch Arms Band organized January 21, 1913. It is one of the largest organized bands in New Jersey and they endeavor to develop their members along musical, social and spiritual lines.

Quite a number of the members of the Band were absolute beginners, but developed into good musicians. In 1913, they played 29 engagements; in 1914, 49 engagements; in 1915, 28 engagements; in 1916, 33 engagements. Their engagements included concerts and parades. It was the official band of Dr. William E. Biederwolf's Revival Campaign in 1916. Eighteen different parades were led to the tabernacle. They also played frequently at the services.

A concert was given by them in New York City before an audience of 15,000 people on May 16, 1916, the occasion being the night before the departure of the 71st Regiment for the Mexican Border. The concert was held at Grace M. E. Church, 104 Street, New York City. In December, 1915, they rendered the music at the laying of the corner stone of the Plainfield Post Office and in December, 1917, at the corner stone laying of the City Hall. During the World War their services were desired at many patriotic meetings. Frequently did they lead the parade of enlisted men to the railroad station when they started for training camps. A number of their own men enlisted and played in army bands. During the summer season, they are usually engaged for a series of summer concerts in the parks of Plainfield.

The band has purchased their own summer and winter uniforms and their costly musical instruments. In May, 1918, the name of the band was changed to the Liberty Band. Connected with the band and a part of the organization is the Liberty Orchestra. In February, 1920, the Liberty Band and Orchestra were incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Arthur B. Cole has served as president from 1913 up to the present time and Mr. Edmund D. Young, as the musical director. On March 27, 1923, Professor William Bartow was

engaged as conductor. During the years that he has led the band, he has brought it to a high degree of musical efficiency and it has become one of the finest bands in the State. It numbers about thirty members.

In the fall of 1922, the band joined the American Federation of Musicians and all the members were accepted by the Plainfield local branch.

The band has frequently rendered musical services at the Sunday evening services of Trinity Reformed Church and has always drawn large crowds. The band rehearses every Tuesday evening in the Lecture Room of the church and the services so generously and willingly given by the members of the band and Liberty Orchestra are much appreciated by the membership and pastor of the church.

The present officers of the Liberty Band and Orchestra are: President, Mr. Arthur B. Cole; Vice President, Mr. Frederick J. Borrup; Secretary, Mr. Lambert B. Bodine; Treasurer, Mr. Rufus B. Rittenhouse; Director, Mr. Edmund D. Young; Instructor, Professor William N. Bartow.

XXI. BOY SCOUTS

The present troop 20 of Boy Scouts was organized April 3, 1922, with 15 scouts. Mr. Harold Leadbitter was the Scoutmaster, and Mr. Earle S. Cooke, the assistant. Mr. Leadbitter has continued to serve as Scoutmaster to the present time with great ability. He has had a total of 128 boys in his troop and at present time it is composed of four patrols.

The charter members of the troop were Robert DeRoner, Harold Kriney, Howard Lewis, Roswell Stafford, George S. Van Arsdale, William Volk, William Young, Everett Phillipps, Earl Barras, Howard McBride, John Walters, Bergen J. Judson, Paul Benz, Frank Osborne, Russell Runyon.

CAMP WILDWOOD.

The dedication of Camp Wildwood, the cabin of Troop 20, Mr. Harold Leadbitter scoutmaster, was held on Saturday afternoon, June 15, 1925, at the camp located on the Lions' Club

tract on the second mountain. An interested audience was present at the ceremony.

The exercises opened with the singing of America. Mr. Jeremiah Van Winkle then presented a sign board bearing the name "Camp Wildwood," consisting of raised gold letters on a blue back ground. The gold and blue represent the colors of the Reformed Church.

Dr. John Y. Broek read the 19th and 21st Psalms and presented the Bible from which he read to the cabin. He also offered the prayer of dedication and made a short address in which he said: "Our dreams have come true. We have long had the idea in mind that it would be a splendid thing to have such a cabin erected. It is well built and substantial." He thanked Mr. Henry W. Van Arsdale as the architect and builder of the cabin, and Scoutmaster Leadbitter who ably assisted him. The chimney and fireplace were built by Mr. Christopher Waldron. The building was painted by Mr. Henry P. Seader, Mr. Earle S. Cooke, Mr. Arthur Seader and the scouts. The floor oil was donated by Mr. George W. Saums. The building was insured by Mr. Frank E. Woodruff.

Scoutmaster Leadbitter urged better scouting, that in one hand they might take the Bible and in the other the scout manual. Mr. Henry W. Van Arsdale said he did not wish to take glory for himself in the work accomplished, but was glad he could be of service to the boys. Mr. Charles M. Dolliver, president of the Lions' Club told the scouts to think of the other fellow and to treat the building with care.

Camp director A. Martin Korff urged the boys to remember their Creator in the days of their youth, and to live true to the principles of scouting and the Word of God. He was glad that a Bible had been placed in the cabin. Deputy Scout Commissioner Troth was the last speaker and he brought hearty congratulations to the scouts upon the completion of their cabin.

The exercises closed with the raising of the American Flag, the singing of the first verse of "The Star Spangled Banner," and the benediction by Dr. Broek. Light refreshments were served.

The size of the cabin is 20x20 feet, with a kitchen 6x6 feet and a porch 20x6 feet. The cabin is prettily located on a high elevation surrounded by a forest.

MOTHERS OF THE BOY SCOUTS.

The "Mothers of the Boy Scouts" was organized in 1923. Mrs. John C. Osborne served as president 1923-1925, and she was followed by Mrs. H. William Van Arsdale in 1925.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS.

In June, 1919, the "Camp Fire Girls" was organized with Mrs. Russell W. Campbell as Guardian. In 1920 Miss Maizie Mair became the Guardian and she has served to the present time. The name was changed to the Nahwatz Camp Fire Girls.

XXII. THE JUBILEE CELEBRATION, 1930

The Jubilee of Trinity Reformed Church was appropriately celebrated in a series of services commencing on Sunday, March 23, 1930, and ending on March 30, 1930.

At the morning service on Sunday, March 23, 1930, an historical sermon was preached by the minister, Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D. By a very generous and courteous co-operation of the Plainfield "Courier News" and its editor, Mr. Norman Nairn, the entire discourse was published in the Plainfield "Courier News" on Monday, March 24, 1930, illustrated by many photos, taking more than a page in space. Special music was rendered by the quartette choir under direction of Mr. Norman Nairn. Dr. Broek offered prayer and read Leviticus 25:8-10 and Matthew 16:13-18.

A special feature of this Historical Service was the reception of the Jubilee Offering which amounted to \$8,088 in cash and \$949 in pledges or a total of \$9,027. The Jubilee Committee was composed of Messrs. Edgar F. Sheppard, Frederick S. Cutter, Russell C. Doeringer, George E. Volk and Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D.

COMMUNITY SERVICE.

On Sunday evening, March 23, 1930, at 7.45, a Community Service was held with the First Park Baptist, First Methodist Episcopal, Grace Episcopal, Crescent Avenue Presbyterian, First Congregational and Seventh Day Baptist Churches uniting in a union service, long to be remembered. Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek presided, and stated that one of the fine features of church life in Plainfield was the splendid spirit of Christian fellowship that has always prevailed among the ministers and members of the various churches. When the program of the Jubilee was arranged, we felt that we could not celebrate it alone. We desired to have the fellowship of all the Christians of this community. On behalf of the consistory and membership of this church, I wish to thank all the other churches for making this beautiful service possible by such gracious co-operation.

The greetings from the Baptist Church were brought by Rev. A. Freeman Anderson, D. D., minister of the First-Park Baptist Church. He said he and his people were happy with Trinity Church in the great event, made stronger by their 50 years of experience, and prophesying greater things in the years to come. The affair seemed like a bit of heaven. All Christians are coming together in the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. The church is a Christian mosaic, all reflecting the same light, bound by the loving spirit of Christ; all working for the overcoming of the wicked world for Jesus. The fertile field belongs to all. To take one away means that the rest are losers.

Rev. Walter J. Swaffield, D. D., spoke for the Methodist Episcopal Church. He said that this picture of Christian unity could not have happened twelve years ago when he came to Plainfield. He brought greetings from the Methodist Episcopal Church, although he himself was a Baptist minister. In the jubilee celebration in the book of Leviticus the people had a grand good time all along the line. The gospel proclaimed from Trinity pulpit gave forth no uncertain sound. The church needs to recognize the challenge of the hour and to emphasize loyalty to God, His Word and the demands of church services.

Rev. E. Vicars Stevenson, D. D., rector of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, represented the Episcopal Church. He said that it was the duty of the unchanging church to grow old gracefully and to adjust itself to the changing time and thought. The community when Trinity Church became a church was different from the community of today and newer developments have to be faced courageously. Trinity Church was still growing strong and was commended for its vision and its stability of faith and purpose.

Rev. John J. Moment, D. D., minister of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, brought felicitations from the Presbyterian Church. He declared that fifty years of history was in itself an attainment, and there is something in having a history. He referred to the noble history of the Reformed Church in Holland and in this country. The church knows something of the men and women who have been gathered into its fold, of their prayers and prophetic utterances.

Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond, D. D., minister of the Seventh Day Baptist Church represented the Seventh Day Baptist Church. He said that behind the fifty years is the story of great advancement in material and spiritual progress. It is a great achievement for a church to live and grow through such years. The present civilization is commercialized and materialized, yet the church of Jesus Christ takes heart and looks forward with new hope. The things of the spirit must be made to dominate the life of our generation.

At the conclusion of the worship, Dr. Broek said this has been a beautiful service. God's spirit has been present in every heart. It has been a memorable service. As an expression of the feeling in our souls, let us sing

O Jesus I have promised
To serve Thee to the end.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Walter J. Swaffield, D. D. Dr. Broek read the scripture lesson from Psalm 48 and Hebrews 11, and offered prayer. The special music was of an inspirational character by the quartette choir under direction of Mr. Norman Nairn.

JUBILEE AT THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

Bible School night was observed on Wednesday, March 26, 1930, in the week of Jubilee services of Trinity Reformed Church. Approximately 400 were present. Assistant Superintendent Wilbur E. Moke presided.

A number of selections were rendered by the orchestra composed of Messrs. Charles Fisher, Charles T. Todd, Wilbur E. Moke, Edmund D. Young, Elmer E. Wheeler, Jack Emery, Herbert A. Drinkwater, L. H. Leberman, Richard Walters and Charles Gotberg.

Norbert Moke recited an original poem of welcome on the Jubilee, written by his father, Mr. Wilbur E. Moke. Mr. Arnold Lindsay rendered a piano solo and Mr. Charles T. Todd a violin solo, accompanied by Miss Helen M. Woodruff.

Former Superintendent Frederick E. Smith, who served for 25 years, made a very pleasing reminiscent address. He came to Plainfield 39 years ago and the first Sunday attended the Men's Bible Class, of which Mr. George L. Van Emburgh was teacher, and has been connected with the school ever since. In his first year, as a member of the school, he taught a class of boys and the second year he was elected second assistant superintendent. He has been connected with the school as an officer for thirty-five years.

He drew a vivid picture of the Sunday School room before the church was raised and the present Sunday School rooms were built. One came down a stairway six feet before entering the school auditorium.

He also quoted from a letter from Dr. Harrison in which he said that "if the Arabs could see Trinity Sunday School in session, they would accept Christ" and from another letter in which he stated "He wished most of all in America to see Trinity Sunday School."

Mr. Smith stated that it was the greatest privilege of his life in sharing in the work of the Sunday School. The school had never lost sight of its main work to win a decision for Christ.

Mr. Edgar F. Sheppard, the present superintendent, was the next speaker. He came to Plainfield in January, 1889, and has

been connected with the school for 41 years. The Bible School is just beginning to come into its own. I am thinking, he said, of two who especially helped me in my earlier years. They were Mrs. Anna Gillem with that class of restless boys and Mr. Harry E. Gayle who took us when we were a little older.

Our school is what it is, because of the men and women who have given their best and sacrificed for it. For the next 50 years let us aim higher and build bigger. Our work is the greatest work in the world. It carries with it a blessed privilege and a tremendous responsibility.

A few reels of moving pictures were then shown. All who were present signed the register to be placed in the church archives. Refreshments were served. The hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers," was sung and the minister, Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek, pronounced the benediction.

At this service a merit badge, awarded to Mrs. Eleanor Seeds Robinson while attending the Sunday School of Central Reformed Church about the year 1870, was presented to the Trinity Reformed Bible School by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Eleanor Robinson Williamson, of 731 Sherman Avenue. It was suitably framed and will later be placed in the church archives.

THE JUBILEE DINNER.

Speeches in the lighter and more serious vein characterized the most memorable Jubilee dinner of Trinity Reformed Church at the Park Hotel on Friday evening, March 28, 1930. Mr. Edgar F. Sheppard presided. Grace was said by the Rev. Albertus T. Broek, D. D., of Reading, Pa.

Seated at the speakers' table were Mr. Edgar F. Sheppard, Dr. and Mrs. John Y. Broek, Dr. and Mrs. Albertus T. Broek, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Dykema, of Marconnier Church, Rev. and Mrs. Leonard A. Sibley, of the Netherwood Church, Rev. and Mrs. John Meyer, of the First German Church, Rev. and Mrs. George Bolsterle, of Astoria, Long Island, Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Schenck, of Watchung, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence H. French, of Teaneck, N. J., Rev. J. Ernest Mertz, of Easton,

Pa., Rev. and Mrs. Alfred E. Willett, of Union, N. J., William Carman Trembath, of New Brunswick.

Miss S. Etta Raybert sang Kipling's Recessional. Mr. Edgar F. Sheppard in introducing the speakers, all sons of Trinity, said his thoughts had gone back to the men and women who had given their best. What a wonderful faith the little band of 55 charter members had. The work has grown because they were willing to sacrifice of their ability, time, talents and possessions.

Rev. George S. Bolsterle, the first speaker, spoke in a reminiscent mood. He was the first one to go out into the ministry. He met his wife when she was secretary of the C. E. Society. He paid tribute to Dr. Schenck and Dr. Broek for their friendly, cordial and helpful ministry. All that I am or have attained I owe to Trinity Church which had cast her bread upon the waters and which had come back to her.

Rev. Harold W. Schenck sounded the note of "jubi-lauding" by boosting your church and talking it up. We face the great privilege of building the manhood of today and tomorrow for the community, church and nation. Would the Master commend the materials we are using. We are writing for eternity. Are we writing co-operation and encouragement. What is our record.

Rev. J. Ernest Mertz stated that he owed more to Trinity Church than to any other. He wished to thank publicly Dr. Broek for his very kindly influence in helping him into the New Brunswick Seminary. He appreciated the help the church gave him. Man has a marvellous capacity for God. The wonder of the Book is that it reveals human nature and God. We have the task of keeping life religious.

Rev. Lawrence H. French also found his wife in Trinity Church. He said, "Trinity Church had a tremendous influence on me. Dr. Johnson welcomed me into the membership of the church, Elder William F. Oliver greeted me." He paid tribute to Mr. William R. Kriney as a faithful teacher and to the influence of Mrs. Richard V. Kinney in the Junior C. E. Society. Dr. Harrison had an influence on his life. Christianity is simply the giving of life from one person to another.

Rev. Alfred E. Willett stated in the past fifty years, Trinity had a glorious record but he believed it would be still more glorious in the next fifty years. Christianity is not simply a religion of ideas but of spiritual power that makes life victorious. It is the dynamic faction in building a more Christ-like world. Trinity Church is pushing out in that fashion through her missionary work.

Mr. William Carman Trembath felt that he should be in the ministry. He had that insistent idea from childhood. He was greatly indebted to the kindly help of his pastor, Dr. Broek. Trinity Church is calling you all to service of love and loyalty and has a right to ask it. Let us all endeavor to keep aloft the flame of a living faith of a living church.

Greetings were also brought by the pastor's brother, Dr. Albertus T. Broek, of Reading, Pa. He felt that it was a most remarkable record for a church to have only three ministers in fifty years and to send out six young men into the ministry and to establish two new churches. Very few churches in America could duplicate such a splendid record.

We have heard of the sacrifice and the tribute that was paid to the ministers and Sunday School workers. Anyone who is not willing to make some sacrifice for the church is not worthy of the name of a Christian. In the work of the church one can get the greatest thrill of life. These mothers received a genuine thrill in dedicating their sons to the ministry.

"Faith of our Fathers" was sung and Dr. John Y. Broek brought the memorable meeting to a close with the benediction.

THE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING.

Two large congregations were present on Sunday, March 30, at the closing services of the Jubilee celebration. At the morning service of thanksgiving, the minister, Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek, presided and offered the prayer and read as a Scripture lesson Psalm 116 and Revelation 22. The special guest preacher was Rev. William I. Chamberlain, D. D., of New York, who referred to Drs. Raymond and Schenck, and to the young men who had gone out into the ministry from this church and to Dr. Harrison, the missionary in Arabia.

The text was taken from Isaiah 27:3. Dr. Chamberlain spoke on "The Progress of the Church." "Every institution is to be judged by its product and the church is to be judged by its capacity to produce disciples. There are three elements in religion-dependence, fellowship and progress. In the last century the church has gained two and one-half times upon the population. In our country the average annual growth in the last six years was 762,000. In New Jersey in the last ten years the church has grown 48%.

"The church is an organism. Spiritual life pervades it. An organization is a manufactured, created thing. Its real purpose is the rebirth and recreating of man. The church has no competitor in its real purpose. Nothing else does the work of the church. If the church simply superintends the pleasures of people, then our work may be shared with others.

"Some look upon the church as a piece of clay that can be made over before breakfast. They forget that the church has a soul to be reckoned with. The glory of the church has not departed. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh. The church is like a mighty ocean, rescuing while cleansing the impurities of the soul."

A union service was held at night with the Marconnier and Netherwood Churches, daughters of Trinity Church, and with the First German Church. Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek presided and read the Scripture from Psalm 133 and John 15:1-14, and offered prayer. Greetings from the First German Church were brought by the pastor, Rev. John Meyer. He congratulated Trinity that she had grown so strong and had done such a large work. He counselled them to stand upon the Word of God and then you cannot fail. It will keep you in the way of righteousness. Then God will be with you in the next fifty years.

Greetings from the Netherwood Church were given by the Pastor, Rev. Leonard A. Sibley. He acknowledged the large part Trinity had paid in the founding of the Netherwood Church. His church was proud to be a daughter of Trinity. The overflowing life was the characteristic of this great church.

He expressed a word of appreciation for the large part Trinity Church had played in the denomination. While in seminary he always looked up to your beloved pastor, Dr. Broek. He exemplified all that is best and was thankful for his guidance. It is a distinct honor to come into closer fellowship with one whom I revered. He visioned the future with an ever enlarging work.

Rev. A. C. Dykema brought the greetings from Marconnier Reformed Church, another daughter of Trinity. He was most happy to share in the Jubilee joy. What of the next 50 years. Jesus answered the question, "Greater works shall ye do." God produces great results from small beginnings. The Church of God will experience a transformation which will come through God's spirit. Dr. Broek's father's name was a household name in our family. We were colleagues in college, we are colleagues now. Some day the Master is going to grasp Dr. Broek's hand and say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

At the communion service the prayer was offered by Dr. Broek, the bread was distributed by Rev. Leonard A. Sibley, and the cup administered by Rev. A. C. Dykema. Rev. John Meyer made the closing prayer.

The following members of consistory distributed the elements: Marconnier Church, Leonard Sanford, Abram Hamilton, Elmer Edwards; Netherwood Church, Howard Melick, Andrew Palmer, R. C. Parlett; German Church, Henry Heinlicher, Edward Krausse, George Burkhart; Trinity Church, Wilbur E. Moke, Charles T. Todd, Richard B. Hiller. The service lasted for two hours and brought the Memorable Jubilee to a close.

Music was under the direction of Mr. Norman Nairn, organist and director; Miss Sara Etta Raybert, soprano; Mrs. Paul Yeaton, contralto; Mr. Edmund Dorn Young, tenor; Mr. William Holmes, bass.

PROGRAM OF THE CELEBRATION.

Sunday, March 23, 1930.

Morning Worship at 11.00—Historical Service.

Historical address by Dr. Broek, who has written the history of

Central, Trinity, Marconnier and Netherwood Churches.

The Jubilee Offering will be completed.

Prelude—CapriceDunham

Doxology.

Invocation, Lord's Prayer, Salutation.

Reading of the Summary of the Law.

Response.

Anthem—Psalm 150, Cesar Franck.

Responsive Psalm 84 (Congregation rise with choir).

Gloria.

Reading of the Scripture.

Anthem—My faith looks up to TheeLachner

Hymn 104—Now thank we all our God.

Prayer.

Response.

Announcements.

Offertory—All praise to TheeWagner

Jubilee Offering.

Hymn 416—The Church's one foundation.

Historical Address—Dr. Broek.

Prayer.

Hymn 419—I love Thy kingdom, Lord.

Benediction—Congregation seated.

Silent Prayer.

Organ Postlude.

Evening Worship at 7.45—Community Service.

Union Service with First-Park Baptist, First M. E. Grace

Episcopal, Crescent Avenue Presbyterian, First Congre-

gational and Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

Organ Prelude—Fantasie on "Urbs Beata"Faulkes

Invocation and Lord's Prayer.

Hymn 91—O God, our help in ages past.

Scripture Lesson.

Anthem—O come and mourn with meWilkes

Prayer.

Offertory—O saving victimTours

Hymn 362—How firm a foundation.

Greetings from various churches:

Baptist Church—Rev. A. F. Anderson, D. D.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. Walter J. Swaffield, D. D.

Protestant Episcopal Church—Rev. E. Vicars Stevenson,
D. D.

Anthem—Dear Lord, remember meBeethoven

Presbyterian Church—Rev. John J. Moment, D. D.

Seventh Day Baptist Church—Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond, D. D.

Hymn 389—O Jesus, I have promised.

Benediction—Congregation seated.

Silent Prayer.

Organ Postlude.

Sunday, March 30, 1930.

Morning Worship at 11.00—Service of Thanksgiving.

Special Guest Preacher, Rev. William I. Chamberlain, D. D.,
of New York.

Prelude—Festival HymnBartlett

Doxology.

Invocation, Lord's Prayer, Salutation.

Reading of the Law.

Response.

Anthem—God is our refugeSommer

Responsive Psalm (Congregation rise with choir).

Gloria.

Reading of the Scripture.

Anthem—Hear our prayer.....Abbott

Hymn 2—Come, Thou Almighty King.

Prayer.

Response.

Talk to the Children.

Announcements.

Offertory—Sing to the Lord.....Thayer

Jubilee Offering.

Hymn 56—Ye servants of God.

Sermon—

Rev. Wm. I. Chamberlain, D. D.

Prayer.

Hymn 208—All hail the power of Jesus' Name.

Benediction—Congregation seated.

Silent Prayer.

Organ Postlude.

Evening Worship at 7.45.

Union Service with Marconnier, Netherwood and First German Churches. Theme: "A Forward Look—the Next Fifty Years."

Organ Prelude—Concert Overture.....Faulkes

Invocation and Lord's Prayer.

Hymn 417—Glorious things of Thee are spoken.

Scripture Lesson.

Anthem—I saw the Lord.....Harris
Prayer.

Offertory—Like silent springs.....Shelley

Hymn 607—Faith of our fathers, living still.

Greetings:

First German Reformed Church—Rev. John Meyer.

Netherwood Reformed Church—Rev. Leonard A. Sibley.

Anthem—Praise yeVerdi

Marconnier Reformed Church—Rev. A. C. Dykema.

Hymn 274—My faith looks up to Thee.

Apostles' Creed.

Communion Service.

Hymn 632—He leadeth me, O blessed thought.

Benediction.

Silent Prayer.

Organ Postlude.

Wednesday, March 26.

Bible School Night.

A Special Program of great interest to all members of the school will be presented.

Friday, March 28.

Jubilee Dinner at the Park Hotel. Guest speakers will be the young men who have gone from the church into the ministry—Rev. George S. Bolsterle, Rev. J. Ernest Mertz, Rev. Harold W. Schenck, Rev. Lawrence H. French, Rev. Alfred E. Willett, Mr. W. Carman Trembath. Rev. Albertus T. Broek, D. D., of Reading, Pa., will also bring greetings. Tickets \$1.50 are now on sale and may be obtained from Mr. E. F. Sheppard, 25 Mountain Avenue, or members of the Consistory. Be sure to secure your tickets early as the seating capacity is limited.

XXIII. MARCONNIER REFORMED CHURCH

The Marconnier Reformed Church at Oak Tree, N. J., was the outgrowth of Marconnier Union Sunday School. Oak Tree is so named because of a famous oak tree that once stood in that vicinity. It is at the present time continuous territory with Plainfield.

Marconnier Union Sunday School had very humble beginnings. In December, 1890, Miss Helen Vail, daughter of Mr. Mahlon Vail, invited the children of the neighborhood to meet for Sunday School instruction at her home on Park Avenue. Four pupils were present at the first session. Associated with Miss Vail were Miss Jennie Kyle, Miss Emily Johnston, Miss Mattie Kyle and Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk.

In January, 1891, owing to the serious illness of Miss Vail, the place of meeting was changed to the home of Mrs. Samuel Klinger, Holly Grove Farm. Interest having grown and numbers increased, it was thought best to organize a Sunday School and hold the sessions in the Oak Tree school house. Accordingly, the "Marconnier Union Sunday School" was organized, and the first meeting was held in the school house, April 12,

1891. The following officers were elected: Superintendent, Mr. D. W. DeForest; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Charles W. Sargent; Treasurer, Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk; Secretary, Mr. William E. Van Court; Librarian, Mr. Edward Morris.

In May, 1891, the Trustees requested them to vacate the school house, so that from June 7, 1891, to October 11, 1891, the meetings were held at the residence of Mrs. Schwenk. On October 11, 1891, they began to hold their sessions in the ladies' waiting room of the Station "Marconnier" (now called Oak Tree) on the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Here they remained until Easter Sunday, April 2, 1893, when they were once more driven back to the residence of Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk. From this time forth their desire was to build a home for their "struggling little band."

On April 20, 1894, the Marconnier Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized at the residence of Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk with four active and eleven associate members.

THE INCORPORATION OF MARCONNIER UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On July 16, 1894, application for the incorporation of Marconnier Union Sunday School was made as follows:

To the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey.

The Marconnier Union Sunday School was organized April 12th, 1891, and the following named officers were elected: D. W. DeForest, Superintendent; Charles W. Sargent, Assistant Superintendent; Mai Marconnier Schwenk, Treasurer; William Van Court, Secretary; Edward Morris, Librarian.

And we, the undersigned, Mai Marconnier Schwenk, Eugene P. Van Court and William A. Morris, do hereby certify, that at a meeting of the contributors of the fund for the erection of a chapel for the said Marconnier Union Sunday School of Marconnier, in the County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, held at the residence of General Samuel K. Schwenk, their usual place of meeting, on the eleventh day of July, A. D. 1894, for the election of trustees and the incorporation of

said Sunday School according to law pursuant to "An Act to Incorporate Religious Societies," of which meeting at least ten days notice has been given by advertisements set up in open view at said place of meeting, and elsewhere, it was resolved by a plurality of voice of those present at said meeting, who contribute to the support of said Sunday School, male and female, over twenty-one years of age, that the same shall be incorporated as aforesaid as "Marconnier Union Sunday School, of Marconnier, in the County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey," and that we, Mai Marconnier Schwenk, Eugene P. Van Court and William A. Morris, were duly elected trustees for said Sunday School for the period as follows: The said Mai Marconnier Schwenk was elected to serve as trustee for said Sunday School for the period of three years from this date; the said Eugene P. Van Court to serve as trustee for said Sunday School for the period of two years, and the said William A. Morris to serve as trustee for the said Sunday School for the period of one year, or until their respective successors shall be duly elected.

And the said trustees were instructed to take upon themselves the said name, to certify the same under their hands and seals and transmit for record to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Middlesex, to the end that the said trustees may become incorporated under the provisions of the Act hereinbefore mentioned.

And we further certify, that pursuant to the said instructions, we have taken upon ourselves the said name of the "Marconnier Union Sunday School, of Marconnier, in the County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey," for the purpose of incorporation under said act.

Given under our hands and seals at Marconnier, Middlesex County, New Jersey, the sixteenth day of July, A. D. 1894.

(Signed) MAI MARCONNIER SCHWENK,

" EUGENE P. VAN COURT,

" WILLIAM A. MORRIS.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of—

(Signed) SAMUEL K. SCHWENK.

BUILDING AND DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL.

The land of the present site of the church was purchased on July 20, 1894, by the Marconnier Union Sunday School from Mrs. Emma E. Freeman, wife of Mr. John J. Freeman. The deed was recorded on September 23, 1895, in Middlesex County, N. J.

The architect of the chapel was Mr. H. Inman Furlong, 83 Nassau Street, New York City. Much of the labor was given by the people of the community. At the time of the dedication a debt of about \$1,000 remained on the chapel for which a Building and Loan mortgage was taken, and monthly payments made extending over a period of years.

Marconnier Chapel was dedicated on Sunday, July 21, 1895. The service was opened by the singing of a hymn, followed by a Scripture reading. The invocation was offered by Rev. George A. Cain, pastor of the New Dover Methodist Episcopal Church. An anthem was sung by the choir of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, N. J. Mr. D. W. DeForest, superintendent of the Sunday School, gave a history of the chapel. The prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. William R. Richards, D. D., minister of Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, N. J. The choir rendered another anthem. An address was made by Rev. Charles E. Herring, Ph. D., minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, N. J. Hymn No. 54 was sung. Mr. Jacob F. Randolph, president of the Morris and Essex Canal and superintendent of Sunday School for over 40 years, gave a short address. This was followed by the singing of hymn No. 105 and an address by Rev. William R. Richards, D. D., minister of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, N. J. The choir rendered the offertory selection. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. James G. Mason, D. D., minister of the Presbyterian Church, Metuchen, N. J.

Much credit is due to Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk in holding this little band together and in encouraging them to build. The chapel was named in honor of her. Although she moved from the community in 1900, her interest in the work has ever been constant and the church is dear to her heart.

Mr. D. W. DeForest resigned as superintendent of the Sunday School on February 2, 1896, after five years of faithful service.

Rev. Henry T. Jones was elected to succeed him. He had been the assistant minister to the Rev. James M. Farrar, D. D., LL. D., of the First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., but was compelled to resign through ill health, and came to his brother's farm in South Plainfield to regain his health. Three days after his arrival, a delegation waited upon him and asked him to assume the superintendency of Marconnier Union Chapel. He accepted and not only served as superintendent of the Sunday School but held two services each Sunday without salary until April 30, 1899.

Rev. Henry Titus Jones was born in Middlebush, N. J., on August 13, 1859. He graduated from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1892. He was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick. He served the following Reformed Churches: Dashville Falls, N. Y., 1892-1893; assistant, First Brooklyn, N. Y., 1893-1894; Marconnier, Oak Tree, N. J., 1896-1899; White House, N. J., 1900-1917; Coeymans, N. Y., 1917.

On July 16, 1899, Mr. A. E. Mettler assumed the superintendency of the Bible School. He was a student in Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He was married to Miss Mattie A. Grassman, of Adrian, Mich., on May 12, 1900.

CHAPEL OF TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH, PLAINFIELD, N. J.

In January, 1900, overtures were made to the Consistory of Trinity Reformed Dutch Church of Plainfield, N. J., for the taking over of Marconnier Union Sunday School as a chapel of said church.

On February 4, 1900, a Committee from the Consistory, composed of Elders Horace J. Martin, Frederick E. Smith, Albert L. Force, made a survey of the field and recommended favorable action on the adoption of the chapel. Another visit was made on February 11, 1900, by members of the consistory consisting of the pastor, Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph. D., Elders Frederick E. Smith, George L. Van Emburgh, Albert L. Force, and Horace J. Martin, who formally announced to the

school while in session that Trinity Church had accepted the chapel as a part of their organization, the legal and ecclesiastical union to be formed on Sunday, March 25, 1900, when the first communion service was celebrated.

The following account of this first communion service was written by Elder Albert Lewis Force in the Plainfield "Daily Press" of March 26, 1900:

"One of the most important changes in religious circles in this vicinity took place yesterday afternoon when the members of Marconnier Chapel and the property as well became a branch of Trinity Reformed Church in this city. It was an event of more than passing interest, and it conveyed happiness not only to Trinity Church but to the members of the chapel at Oak Tree, where such a good work has been carried on for some time past.

"The change has been in preparation for some time, and its complete consummation yesterday promises greater usefulness in the future. A large delegation from Trinity Church went to Oak Tree, where exercises appropriate to the occasion were held. The official transfer of the property to the church was made. Members were received into the chapel and the Lord's Supper observed. The chapel was filled with worshippers and the services throughout were very impressive. The members had everything in readiness for the services, which took place at 4 o'clock. A pleasing decoration of flowers added to the attractiveness of the place of worship.

"Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph. D., pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, was in charge and opened the services. After the singing of a hymn, he read appropriate Scripture selections from a Bible which was presented by the members of the Sunday School to Mrs. Schwenk, one of the very earnest workers, as a slight token of their love for her and in recognition of her many years of faithful service. This was followed by prayer by Pastor Schenck, after which Rev. Henry T. Jones, formerly pastor of the chapel, presented a short history of the chapel. In doing this he transferred the papers to Mr. Schenck, which gives to Trinity Reformed Church the property.

"Mr. Jones in giving the history made some very pleasant remarks. He spoke of the hard struggle, the many prayers and sacrifices made to get the chapel and to maintain it. He spoke of the 300 children who had gone in and out since the chapel was built, and of the seed sown which will bear fruit. To him under the present change it seemed as though a great cable had been stretched from the chapel to a stronger organization which makes the members feel as though their anchorage is more sure and steadfast. He then turned the papers over to Mr. Schenck.

"In accepting the papers, Pastor Schenck said that he and the members of the church knew something of the sufferings and trials attendant upon the building of the chapel, and they were not unmindful of them. He referred to the hard, laborious work of digging the cellar, carting the materials for construction, but assured all that anything done for Christ was never lost. He told the members that Trinity Church had come to help share with them in their work. He hoped that all would feel the call to duty in a stronger sense, and he wanted them to feel as though he was their pastor, and that the elders of the church stood willing to help them at all times. He then received the papers on behalf of the church.

"This part of the service was followed by the baptism of those members who had been received and who had not observed that rite. Rev. Mr. Jones performed this rite and read the service. Those who were baptized were Miss Ida May Bowers, Miss Julia Burns, Mrs. Eveline Randolph (Mrs. William H.), Miss Leonora Van Court, Miss Emeline Giles, and Mr. Stephen Augustus Stover.

"Rev. Mr. Schenck then took charge and delivered the address of welcome to all of the members. They include the above mentioned and the following who were received by letter:

"General Samuel Klinger Schwenk, Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk, Mrs. Esther L. Giles, Mr. William E. Van Court, Mr. Eugene P. Van Court and Mr. William H. Randolph.

"In addition to the above mentioned who were baptized, the following were received on confession of faith: Mr. Manley J.

Giles, Mrs. Mary Stover Van Court (Mrs. E. P.) and Miss Esther Giles, making a total of fifteen, nine on confession, six by letter.

"After the reception of members, the Lord's Supper was observed, and Pastor Schenck was assisted by Rev. Henry T. Jones and Rev. Walter T. Griffen of this city. The elders and deacons from Trinity Reformed Church were also present and officiated in their customary capacity. After the communion service a few words of congratulation and encouragement were spoken by Mr. Schenck. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Griffen.

"A pleasing and helpful part of the service was the singing of two solos by Mrs. Rosa Marconnier Fleury of Jamaica, L. I., accompanied by Miss Genevieve Brown of the same place. Mrs. Fleury is a sister of Mrs. Schwenk. Rev. George T. Cain, pastor of the M. E. Church at Dover, again assisted at the services by presiding at the piano for the congregational singing. At the close of the service all remained and became acquainted with each other and a general season of thanksgiving was enjoyed.

"The Ernest Gabler piano used for the occasion is the old Marconnier family piano, and was many years ago bought by the late Alexander Marconnier of Evansville, Indiana, father of Mrs. Schwenk and Mrs. Fleury. It was taken to the chapel for the Christmas entertainment and has since remained there.

"A marble-top pulpit that was used in the Sunday School of Trinity Church for many years, but which was abandoned when the church was altered two years ago, was presented to the chapel, and used for the first time yesterday."

The following is a copy of the Minutes of Marconnier Union Sunday School covering the transaction of transfer to Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J.

At a duly called meeting of the Marconnier Union Sunday School and congregation, held at the Marconnier Union Chapel, March 18, 1900, of which proper notice had been given, for the purpose of taking formal action upon the heretofore expressed wishes to unite with the Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., and at which were present a majority of all the

members, Mr. Amasa E. Metler was elected chairman, and Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk was elected Secretary of said meeting.

On motion of General Samuel K. Schwenk, seconded by Mr. Eugene P. Van Court, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, It is the unanimous desire of the Sunday School and congregation of the Marconnier Union Chapel to become a branch of Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., that we may enjoy the benefits of Christian fellowship; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the trustees of Marconnier Union Sunday School be empowered to make such arrangements as may be best suited for the advancement of the cause of Christ in our midst, agreeable to the wisdom and discretion of the Consistory of said Reformed Church;

And that they be, and for that purpose are, hereby authorized and instructed to convey and deliver to the said Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., the real estate and personal property of the Marconnier Union Sunday School; and be it further

Resolved, That this branch shall always be known as "Marconnier Chapel of Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield," until such time as in the Providence of God it shall of its own strength become dignified as a church, when it shall be known as "The Marconnier Reformed Church."

The following Articles of Agreement were also accepted by both parties concerned :

Articles of Agreement made and entered into between the Marconnier Union Sunday School, of the Township of Raritan, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, of the first part, and the Trinity Reformed Dutch Church, of Plainfield, New Jersey, of the second part :

WHEREAS, the Sunday School and congregation of the Marconnier Union Chapel is about to become a branch of the Trinity Reformed Dutch Church of Plainfield, N. J., for the purpose of enjoining the benefits of Christian fellowship;

WHEREAS, the Marconnier Union Sunday School by its president and secretary by deed bearing even date herewith do convey, grant, bargain and sell unto the said Trinity Reformed Dutch Church of Plainfield, the real and personal property of the Marconnier Union Sunday School;

WHEREAS, it is agreed between the parties to these presents that the said party of the first part shall always be known as the Marconnier Chapel of the Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., and it is further agreed that when at such time as in the Providence of God shall of its own strength become able to stand alone it is hereby agreed that the said Trinity Reformed Dutch Church of Plainfield, shall convey to the said Marconnier Union Sunday School, under the name of the Marconnier Reformed Church, all the property both real and personal hereto conveyed this day by the said Marconnier Sunday School to the said Trinity Reformed Dutch Church of Plainfield.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Marconnier Union Sunday School and the said Trinity Reformed Dutch Church of Plainfield, N. J., by their presidents, have each hereunto set their hand and the seals of the said Marconnier Union Sunday School and the said Trinity Reformed Dutch Church of Plainfield, this 23rd day of March, Nineteen Hundred.

(Signed) EUGENE VAN COURT, (SEAL)
President.

MAI MARCONNIER SCHWENK,
Secretary.

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| FREDERICK E. SMITH, | CORNELIUS SCHENCK, (SEAL) |
| Clerk of Consistory, | President of Consistory, |
| Trinity Reformed Church. | Trinity Reformed Church. |

After Marconnier Chapel became a part of Trinity Reformed Church, mention should be made of the very efficient and self-sacrificing services of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Marshall, who took hold with a strong hand. They were largely instrumental in raising the debt, building up the Sunday School and, during the period that the chapel was supplied by the students, Mr. M. Seymour Purdy and Mr. A. Peter Tulp, did much to provide for their comfort.

The work of the chapel was also supervised by a committee of the consistory of Trinity Reformed Church and monthly reports were made. Trinity Church contributed to the support of the chapel maintenance and salary of the pastor. The Board of Domestic Missions aided to the extent of \$200 a year. In addition to the session of the Sunday School, an evening preaching service was maintained and the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism were also administered.

PASTORATE OF REV. JOSEPH TUCKER LANSDALE.

On February 1, 1906, Rev. J. Tucker Landsdale assumed charge of Marconnier Chapel. His work was under direct supervision of the Consistory of Trinity Reformed Church. He continued as stated supply until 1912, when the chapel was constituted as a church, and he was called to the pastorate.

ORGANIZATION OF MARCONNIER REFORMED CHURCH.

On April 13, 1912, a petition by the members of Marconnier Chapel was presented to the consistory of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, and to the Classis of Newark for the organization of the chapel into a duly constituted church. The petition was as follows:

"April 13, 1912.

"We, the undersigned, comprising the entire resident membership of the Marconnier Chapel of the Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., in the Classis of Newark, hereby petition the consistory of the said church and the classis to organize the chapel as a church.

"We are convinced the time has come for this organization of our work in order to strengthen and advance it, believing that our present status as a chapel has retarded us in growth.

"The membership is small, just nine adults residing near enough to the chapel to attend it, all of whom, as has been mentioned, concur in this petition. Eight earnest adult people herewith declare their decision to immediately unite with us as members should this organization be so ordered by classis, besides there are more than three times this number of strong

adherents whom we have every reason to believe will soon enroll, as already they have expressed their highest satisfaction with this movement.

"The congregation of the chapel raises \$500.00 annually for current expenses, of which \$250.00 is given the pastor in charge. We can see our way clear to increase this salary by \$60.00, this extra amount being subscribed recently. The pastor is loaned a house by those interested and is in other ways helped by us.

"Below our signatures will be found the signatures of those who will immediately unite with us as charter members.

"Trusting this petition will meet with your approval and receive your favorable action.

Most respectfully submitted :

"Mrs. Eugene Van Court, Mr. W. E. Van Court, Mrs. W. E. Van Court, Mr. J. Bryant Randolph, Mrs. Lenora Randolph, Mrs. Fred Melick, Mr. W. H. Randolph, Mrs. W. H. Randolph, Mr. A. F. Randolph.

"The following signatures are of those who will join the church as charter members with us :

"Lottie G. Leveridge, Rowland H. Leveridge, William Hoog, James Elliott, Jennie M. Kyle, Mrs. Amanda Schoemaker, W. A. Neidlingier, Mrs. W. A. Campbell."

This petition for organization was fully concurred in by the consistory of Trinity Reformed Church as the following resolution was passed at a special meeting held on April 15, 1912:

"April 15th, 1912.

"The following is a correct copy of resolution adopted by the consistory of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., at a special meeting held on April 14th, 1912:

"RESOLVED, That it is the mind of this consistory, to concur in this petition to the Classis of Newark to organize Marconier Chapel as a separate church organization, and if such organization is made, that the proper officers of this consistory be authorized to convey to the proper officers of such newly-organized church a deed for the property now known as Mar-

connier Chapel, at Oak Tree, N. J., subject to any claims the Board of Domestic Missions may have on said property on account of funds advanced toward the support of a resident minister at said Marconnier Chapel.

“Correct,

“JOHN Y. BROEK, President,

“(Signed) EDGAR F. SHEPPARD, Clerk.”

The Classis of Newark in regular spring session held in the Reformed Church at Linden, N. J., acting upon the joint petitions of Marconnier Chapel and the consistory of Trinity Reformed Church gave its approval of these petitions, and directed the Church Extension Committee, composed of Rev. Henry Merle Mellen, of Newark; Rev. Uriah McClinchie, of Irvington, Rev. John Y. Broek, and Elder Joseph S. Mundy, to organize Marconnier Chapel into a regularly constituted church on the evening of April 26, 1912, at 8 P. M.

The Rev. John Y. Broek presented the petitions to the classis and secured favorable action upon them.

The Church Extension Committee of Classis met with the members at Marconnier Chapel on April 26, 1912, at 8 P. M. A short religious service was held. The Scripture was read by the Rev. Horace P. Craig, of Plainfield, N. J. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. William H. DeHart, of Plainfield, N. J., stated clerk of the General Synod.

The sermon from Ephesians 3:15-18 was preached by the Rev. Henry Merle Mellon, pastor of Christ Reformed Church, Newark. He urged the members of the new church to work together in harmony for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Rev. John Y. Broek, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, presided at the business meeting at which the organization was completed. Mr. Rowland H. Leveridge was chosen temporary clerk. Mr. Broek made a brief statement explaining the reasons for the action, which was the result of a petition of the members of the chapel to the Classis of Newark. He then presented 42 letters of members of Trinity Reformed Church dismissing them to the Marconnier Reformed Church at Oak Tree, N. J. They were duly received and Mr. Broek officially declared the church constituted under the name of “Marcon-

nier Reformed Church of Oak Tree, N. J." Mr. Rowland H. Leveridge and Mr. W. A. Neidlingier were elected elders and Mr. William E. VanCourt and Mr. William Randolph were chosen deacons.

Rev. Dr. Broek made a brief address expressing the kind feeling and best wishes of Trinity Reformed Church for the success of the new church, and there was a happy response by General Samuel K. Schwenk, of New York, who assisted in establishing the chapel. He expressed the appreciation and thanks of the congregation to Trinity Reformed Church and to the present pastor, as well as Rev. Dr. Cornelius Schenck, pastor emeritus for their unfailing interest. This closed the services and Rev. J. Tucker Landsdale invited all to remain and enjoy the refreshments provided by the women of the church.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

The certificates of dismissal comprising the membership of the church were as follows :

CERTIFICATES OF DISMISSION.

This certifies that Mrs. Esther L. Giles, Samuel K. Schwenk, Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk, E. P. Van Court, Manley J. Giles, Emeline Giles, Mrs. Julia Burns Bowers, Ida May Bowers, Mrs. Margaret Robertson, Jane Muir Robertson, Ruth Ella Wilson, Charlotte Osborn Campbell, Richard Hapney Campbell, Frederick Stover, Emma Risberg, Wesley J. Carkhuff, Mrs. Anna Bond Giles, Louise May Randolph, Daniel Schenck, Mrs. Elizabeth Schenck, Edith Keiderling, Samuel Johnson, Mrs. Louise Randolph Winter, Charles Randolph, Howard B. Elliott, Mrs. Mary J. Van Court (wife of Eugene Van Court), William E. Van Court, Mrs. Bertha E. Van Court (wife of W. E. Van Court), J. Bryant Randolph, Mrs. Leonora Van Court Randolph, Mrs. Laura Melick (wife of Fred Melick), William H. Randolph, Mrs. Evelin J. Randolph (wife of W. H. Randolph), Arthur Randolph, Rowland H. Leveridge, Lottie G. Leveridge (wife of Rowland H. Leveridge), William Hoog, James Elliott, Jennie M. Kyle, Mrs. Amanda Schoemaker, W. A. Neidlingier, Mrs. W. A.

Campbell, are members in full communion of the Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., in good and regular standing; as such they are at their own request, dismissed, for the purpose of connecting themselves with the Marconnier Reformed Church of Oak Tree, N. J., to whose Christian fellowship and confidence they are hereby affectionately commended; and when received by them their peculiar relation to this church shall cease.

By order of consistory,

JOHN Y. BROEK,
President.

Given at Plainfield, N. J., April 26, 1912.

The following account of the organization of Marconnier Reformed Church appeared in the "Christian Intelligencer":

"At the Spring Session of the Classis of Newark, upon joint application of the members and adherents of Marconnier Chapel and the consistory of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., the Church Extension Committee of Classis, composed of Revs. Uriah McClinchie, H. Merle Mellen, John Y. Broek and Elder Joseph S. Mundy, was instructed to organize Marconnier Chapel, a branch of Trinity Reformed Church, into a regularly organized church. The committee and Elder F. E. Smith, of Plainfield, met for this purpose at the chapel on Friday evening, April 26th. A devotional service was held. Rev. Horace P. Craig read the Scripture, Rev. William H. DeHart, D. D., Stated Clerk of the General Synod, offered prayer and Rev. H. Merle Mellen preached an appropriate sermon from Ephesians 3:15-18.

"Rev. John Y. Broek, Pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., presided at the organization of the church. Mr. Broek dwelt upon the kindly feelings and best wishes that existed among all parties concerned in the action about to be taken, and presented letters of dismission for forty-two persons from Trinity Reformed Church. They were received, placed upon the roll as charter members and the church declared to be duly organized. Messrs. Rowland H. Leveridge and William A. Neidlingier were elected elders, and Messrs. William E. Van Court and William Randolph were elected

deacons. The new organization will be called Marconnier Reformed Church. Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale, who has supplied the chapel for the past six years, will undoubtedly be called to the pastorate.

"General Samuel K. Schwenk, on behalf of the people of the chapel expressed great appreciation and thanks to the consistory and members of Trinity Church, her present pastor, and pastor emeritus, Rev. Dr. Cornelius Schenck, for their kind supervision and support which they had taken in the work. After the business session, bountiful refreshments were served by the ladies of the church and congregation.

"Marconnier Chapel was organized as a Union Sunday School in 1890, and was taken under the care of Trinity Reformed Church in 1900. This is the second church which Trinity Church has sent out from her members during the past two years, the Netherwood Reformed Church being organized on Jan. 6, 1910. The prayers and best wishes of the mother church for their abundant prosperity, accompany the new organization in her independent career."

The newly elected elders, Rowland H. Leveridge and William A. Niedlingier, and deacons, William E. VanCourt and William Randolph, were ordained and installed on Sunday, May 12, 1912, by the Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale.

On May 21, 1912, a congregational meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. John Y. Broek, at which time a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale to the pastorate at a salary of \$800. An application for \$200 was made to the Board of Domestic Missions toward the salary of the pastor. It was also announced at their meeting that the Board of Publication had donated 24 hymnals and 24 psalters and liturgies to this new church.

The call given to Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale was approved at the special session of the Classis of Newark held on May 25, 1912, and arrangements were made for his installation to take place on June 14 at 8 P. M.

Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale was installed as pastor of Marconnier Reformed Church by the Classis of Newark on June 14th, at 8 P. M. A large and interested assemblage was present.

Rev. Lucas Boeve, the assistant minister of the North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., presided in the absence of the president of classis, and read the installation service from the Liturgy.

Elder D. H. Merritt, of the North Reformed Church, Newark, offered prayer. Rev. John Y. Broek, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, preached the sermon on the subject: "The Model Church." Acts 2:47. He said the "Model Church" should be patterned after the Apostolic Church in which every new adventure was preceded by prayer and liberality. The spirit of brotherhood and a missionary spirit were ever manifest.

Rev. Henry T. Jones, of Whitehouse, N. J., who was the first pastor of the chapel, gave the charge to the pastor. He gave a review of the early history of the church and believed that the church would have a bright future. Rev. Charles Beach Condit, Stated Clerk of the Classis of Newark, delivered the charge to the people. He urged the church to make Christ known and the members to be loyal to the pastor and church.

The music was in charge of Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth, organist of Trinity Reformed Church. The quartette composed of Miss Sarah Etta Raybert, soprano; Mrs. Charles Hutcheson, contralto; Mr. Edmund D. Young, tenor, and Mr. Frederick S. Cutter, bass, sang several selections.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale. A social time followed and refreshments were served.

The deed of property from Trinity Reformed Church to Marconnier Reformed Church was given on April 22, 1913, and recorded on May 5, 1913, in Middlesex County.

The church was incorporated under the title, "Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Marconnier Reformed Church in America at Oak Tree, in the County of Middlesex." It was dated February 27, 1913, and recorded in the County of Middlesex, April 14, 1913.

Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale continued as the pastor until April 1, 1921, when, owing to continued ill health he was compelled to resign. The resignation was received with regret, and at the

spring session of the Classis of Newark at the request of the consistory, Rev. Lansdale was made the pastor emeritus of the church.

REV. JAMES CORTELYOU GARRETSON, STATED SUPPLY.

Rev. James C. Garretson began his labors as stated supply of the church on September 1, 1921, and continued to serve with great success for the next three years, until September 1, 1924, when he resigned. During the year from September 1, 1924, to April 1, 1927, the church was supplied by various preachers and students from the New Brunswick Seminary and was under the classical supervision of the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D.

THE DEATH OF REV. JAMES CORTELYOU GARRETSON.

The Rev. James Cortelyou Garretson died at his home 525 Madison Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., on December 10, 1926. The funeral service was held in Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., on December 14, 1926, and was conducted by Revs. Dr. John Y. Broek and Sherman H. Marcy of the Netherwood Reformed Church. The interment was made in Elmwood Cemetery, New Brunswick, N. J.

The following memorial resolution was adopted by the Classis of Newark.

The Classis of Newark desires to record the following tribute to the memory of the Rev. James Cortelyou Garretson, a member of this classis since 1894, and who entered the higher life on December 10, 1926.

He loved the Reformed Church, the church of his ancestors. He appreciated her history and traditions. He ever took a keen interest in her advancement and progress. He was a devoted son of the church.

As a preacher he was loyal to the great fundamentals of the faith. He believed them and proclaimed them with fervor.

As a Christian he was humble and modest. Never being of robust health, even from the earliest days of youth, he nevertheless used the strength he had for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. It was his joy to preach and to be active in the

work of the ministry. His labors in many fields were accompanied with great blessing.

He has fought a good fight. He has finished his course. He has kept the faith and attained the crown given to faithful soldiers of the cross. To the sorrowing family, we express our tender sympathy.

We further desire that this minute be spread upon our minutes, published in the "Christian Intelligencer," and a copy be sent to the family.

Done in special session of the Classis of Newark, this twenty-fifth day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Seven.

JOHN Y. BROEK,
Committee.

THE PARSONAGE.

On October 8, 1923, a lot with a 60-foot frontage, adjoining the church property was purchased for \$900. Monuments were placed on the four corners of the parsonage plot and on the remaining two corners of the church plot. The legal papers were placed in custody of Mr. William E. Van Court. The church building was insured for \$3,600 and \$400 on the contents.

After the communion service, held on Sunday evening, June 21, 1925, administered by Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., a congregational meeting was held, presided over by Dr. Broek, and plans for building a manse were discussed. Mr. William E. Van Court announced that \$1,700 was in the treasury as a parsonage fund. In addition to this amount pledges of \$552 were also made. Dr. Broek announced also that the Women's Board of Domestic Missions had voted to contribute \$2,000 to the parsonage, and that Mr. Robert P. Zobel, of New York City, had contributed \$1,500. The total amount available for the parsonage is \$5,750. At the same meeting a committee consisting of Mrs. William E. Van Court and Mrs. Bryant Randolph were appointed to canvass the neighborhood for additional pledges.

At a meeting of the consistory held at the home of Elder Jesse Van Gelder on March 26, 1926, presided over by Dr. Broek, it was voted that a contract be made with the lowest bidder, Mr. Raymond Smith, for \$7,235 according to plans and



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specifications for the erection of a parsonage. It was further voted that Messrs. Henry C. Holsten, Bryant Randolph and Leonard Sandford be appointed a building committee with full authority to sign the contract. Mr. Henry C. Holsten was the architect of the parsonage.

On Sunday evening, May 2, 1926, the sod was turned for the new manse by Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek, minister of Trinity Reformed Church. A specially prepared spade, the gift of Elder Jesse C. Van Gelder, was used by Dr. Broek. Members of the consistory followed him in using the spade, as did nearly every one present including the children.

The exercises in connection with the breaking of the ground were simple and impressive. The congregation assembled at the church and marched to the site of the parsonage, adjoining the church property, headed by the consistory, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Dr. Broek read the Scripture lesson from Joshua I, and offered a prayer of thanksgiving to God, and also made a short address in which he commented upon the happy occasion to which the congregation had looked forward. He expressed gratitude for the part the children of the Sunday School had taken in the enterprise, for the splendid work of Mr. Robert Zobel, of New York City, and for the sacrificial contributions of the members of the church. He believed the church had a great future and was entering upon a new era of prosperity.

Mr. Robert Zobel, whose presence was looked forward to, was unable to attend because of illness. Elder Jesse C. Van Gelder made a short address on behalf of the consistory, in which he mentioned the value of a Sunday School to any community. Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk, of New York City, was present and told of the struggles of the early days and how her heart was rejoicing in the event of the day. The parsonage was completed in the early part of 1927.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

On Sunday afternoon, November 30, 1919, two beautiful memorial windows were unveiled in memory of two young men, Mr. Arthur Edward Laury and Mr. Merle Irwin, who gave

their lives in the World War. The service was in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale, who offered the opening prayer. Miss Adele Freeman sang, "The Lord is my Light," accompanied by Miss Anna Van Court.

Rev. John Y. Broek, minister of Trinity Reformed Church, spoke of his association with Arthur Edward Laury, bringing to mind the Sunday morning just ten years ago at the communion service on December 4, 1910, when Arthur stood before him giving himself to Christ. Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale mentioned his association with the two young men who had been called from their loved ones and had exchanged the earthly life for strength and beauty in his sanctuary above. Mr. Harrison B. Fahn sang, "The Lord is my Shepherd," which was followed by a memorial poem written by a friend and read by Mrs. William E. Van Court.

The window for Mr. Arthur Edward Laury was given by his mother, relatives and friends. It has for the central figure, the Head of Christ, with the inscription:

In Loving Memory of
ARTHUR EDWARD LAURY
December 12, 1899—March 29, 1919.

The other window is in memory of Merle Irwin, who made his home with Mr. and Mrs. William E. Van Court, his parents being dead. He was called into service and was stationed for a short time at Camp Dix, then in Alabama and finally sent to Camp Merritt to go abroad, when he was stricken with pneumonia and died. The window was given by his friends and members of the Marconnier Church which he attended. On his furlough he made a visit to the church.

The window is one with a shield and sword, and has the following inscription:

In Loving Memory of
MERLE IRWIN.
Co. F, 2nd N. J. Infantry
Died at Camp Merritt, N. J.
April 29, 1918.

Both windows were made by J. & R. Lamb, of New York City.

The hymn, "The Church's one Foundation," was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Y. Broek.

SILVER COMMUNION SERVICE.

A beautiful silver communion service was presented to the church by General Samuel K. Schwenk and his wife, Mai Marconnier Schwenk, in 1912.

THE PASTORATE OF REV. ANNO CHARLES DYKEMA.

From the time of the resignation of Rev. James C. Garretson, September 1, 1924, to the installation of the Rev. A. C. Dykema on April 28, 1927, the pulpit was supplied by students from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary and the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., the classical supervisor.

On March 17, 1927, a special meeting of the consistory was held at the home of Elder William E. Van Court, moderated by Dr. Broek, at which a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Anno Charles Dykema, pastor of the Riverside Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J. The call was signed by Elders William E. Van Court, Jesse C. Van Gelder, Bryant Randolph, Fred Melick; Deacons Henry C. Holsten, Rasmus H. Krog, Abram Hamilton, Leonard Sandford. At a special meeting of the Classis of Newark held in the North Reformed Church, Newark, on March 25, 1927, Rev. Mr. Dykema was received as a member of classis, the call of the Marconnier Church was approved and arrangements were made for his installation as pastor.

The installation of the Rev. Anno Charles Dykema as pastor of the Marconnier Church, Oak Tree, took place on Thursday evening, April 28, 1927, at eight o'clock. The church was filled to its capacity. The invocation was offered by the Rev. Sherman H. Marcy, pastor of the Netherwood Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J. The Scripture lesson from 1 Kings the eighth chapter was read by Rev. Abram J. Van Houten, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Irvington, N. J. Prayer was offered by the Rev. F. Alvin Langwith, pastor of the Reformed Church,

Linden, N. J. Miss Sara Etta Raybert sang a soprano solo "Open the Gates of the Temple."

The sermon was preached by Rev. Jasper S. Hogan, D. D., pastor of the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, from the text 1 Kings 8:64, "The brazen altar was too little." The theme of the sermon was "The Outgrown Altars" and he referred to the necessity of outgrowing the altar of self and selfishness. "Outgrow the small sectarian altars, and learn to co-operate with all Christians. Denominations arose to secure a higher spiritual life. Let the church reach out and minister to the entire life of the community and win the non-church goers to the service of God. We should also outgrow patriotism of a small order which disparages all other nations. Devotion to nationalism is a god that will draw us into another war. Our prayers must be large enough to include the nations of the earth and the hastening of Christ's kingdom. This installation marks the beginning of a new era in this church. It should stand for a greater vision and a larger love for God."

The service of installation was conducted by the Rev. James Mulder, president of the Classis of Newark, the congregation and the minister uniting in the responses. He then declared the pastoral relation fully constituted and Rev. A. C. Dykema, the lawfully installed pastor of Marconnier Reformed Church.

The charge to the pastor was given by his brother, Rev. James Dykema, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Red Bank, N. J. He called attention to the religious training which they both had received in the Christian home, that their father had served as an elder in the Reformed Church of Chicago for many years and was instrumental in establishing four churches, that their mother was not able to be present at the service, but was praying for her son. He called attention to the theology which he had received at a mother's knee and urged that he be true to the heritage of the past.

The charge to the congregation was delivered by the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., who selected as his theme "The Conditions of a Successful Church." He heartily felicitated the church upon the happy consummation of this pastorate and knew of the joy

that filled their hearts. He urged them to follow their new leader, their pastor who has been tried and tested and has always made good. He reminded them that they now have a pastor's wife as well, who with the pastor will be a great asset to the community. He stressed the necessity of organization in the church and need of co-operation of all the members by working together. Each one was to hold up their corner of the church work, believing that in union there is strength. The final condition was the divine regenerating touch of God upon individual lives. That touch is transforming, energizing and beautifying. Deeper spiritual life was the great need of the church.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. C. Dykema, the newly installed pastor. Mr. Wilbur E. Moke accompanied Miss Raybert in rendering her selections which added so much to the service. Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk, founder of Marconnier Sunday School, was present and was heartily greeted. At the close of the service a reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Dykema and a social hour followed.

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH BELL.

On Sunday afternoon, October 16, 1927, a special service was held for the dedication of the new church bell. Appropriate addresses were made by Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek, Rev. A. C. Dykema, the pastor, and Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk. The church auditorium was filled to its capacity.

RESOLUTIONS OF DR. BROEK'S TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The following greetings were sent by the consistory and congregation of the Marconnier Reformed Church to the congregation and pastor of Trinity Reformed Church on December 2, 1928:

To the congregation and pastor of Trinity Reformed Church,
Plainfield, N. J.

Greetings:

WHEREAS, The congregation of Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., and its pastor, the Rev. John Y. Broek,

D. D., have recently celebrated with great rejoicing on Sunday, November 25, 1928, the twentieth anniversary of their present pastorate, and

WHEREAS, The Marconnier Reformed Church of Oak Tree, N. J., has shared in times past in the growth and the blessings of Trinity Reformed Church as one of its chapels and especially through the supervising guidance and care of the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., and

WHEREAS, The Marconnier Reformed Church has abundant reasons to rejoice in the splendid spiritual achievements of its sister church—the Trinity Reformed. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, as a congregation, and pastor of the Marconnier Reformed Church at Oak Tree, give thanks to God, that we as mutual members of the Body of Christ congratulate both Trinity Church and its distinguished pastor, and pray that the Holy Spirit may continue even in greater measure to work and witness through loyalty, consecration and faith of both pastor and congregation. And be it

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be inscribed upon the minutes of the Marconnier Reformed Church and that a copy be tendered to the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted on Sunday morning, December 2, 1928, by the congregation of the Marconnier Reformed Church in worship assembled and were directed to be forwarded to the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., of Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., with our Christian love and heartiest felicitations.

REV. A. C. DYKEMA,
President of Consistory.
H. C. HOLSTEN,
Clerk.

These resolutions were also signed by all the members of the congregation.

THE CONSISTORY.

The following persons have served as members of the consistory: Elders, Rowland H. Leveridge, William A. Niedlingier, William E. Van Court, Jesse C. Van Gelder, Bryant

Randolph, Fred Mellick, James Kirkpatrick, Sr. Deacons, William E. Van Court, William Randolph, Henry C. Holsten, Rasmus H. Krog, Abram W. Hamilton, Leonard Sanford, Elmer Edwards.

The church clerks have been Mr. William A. Niedlingier, 1912-1922; Mr. Henry C. Holsten, 1922——.

The church treasurer since the organization of the church in 1912 has been Mr. William E. Van Court.

The following have served as stated supplies and pastors: Rev. Henry T. Jones, 1896-1899. Supplied by students from New Brunswick Seminary, 1900-1901. Mr. M. Seymour Purdy, 1902. Mr. A. Peter Tulp, 1903. Supplied by students from New Brunswick Seminary, 1903-1906. Rev. Joseph Tucker Lansdale, 1906-1912. Rev. Joseph Tucker Lansdale, 1912-1921, Pastor. Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale, 1921——, Pastor Emeritus. Rev. James Cortelyou Garretson, 1921-1924, Stated Supply. Supplied by students from New Brunswick Seminary, 1924-1927. Rev. Anno Charles Dykema, 1927——, Pastor.

The present members of the consistory are: Elders, William E. Van Court, Jesse C. Van Gelder, Rasmus H. Krog, Bryant Randolph; Deacons, Leonard Sanford, Abram W. Hamilton, Henry C. Holsten, Elmer Edwards.

BIBLE SCHOOL.

The superintendents of the Bible School have been the following: Mr. D. W. DeForest, April 12, 1891-February 2, 1896; Rev. Henry T. Jones, February 2, 1896-April 30, 1899; Mr. A. E. Mettler, July 16, 1899; Mr. Harry W. Marshall, Mr. Steven Stover, Mrs. George W. Reighton, Mrs. John W. Schenck, 1900-1906, Rev. J. Tucker Lansdale, 1906-1921, Mr. Jesse C. Van Gelder, 1921-.

The treasurers of the Bible School has been Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk, 1890-1900; Mr. William E. Van Court, 1900-——.

The enrollment of the Bible School in 1912 was 75.

The present officers of the Bible School are: Superintendent, Mr. Jesse C. Van Gelder; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. William E. Van Court; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bryant Randolph; Assistant, Mrs. E. W. Edwards; Enrollment Secretary, Miss Anna Van Court; Assistant, Miss Alice Freeman; Cross and Crown Secretary, Mr. Irving Ritter, Jr.; Superintendent Cradle Roll, Mrs. R. W. Payne; Superintendent Home Department, Mrs. A. C. Dykema; Treasurer, Mr. William E. Van Court; Librarian, Mr. Merwin Baylis; Pastor, Rev. A. C. Dykema. The school is well graded. The present enrollment is 165.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT.

The annual Easter egg hunt has been a custom of long standing. Mrs. Mai Marconnier Schwenk, for whom the Marconnier Reformed Church was named, introduced the first egg hunt on Easter Sunday, 1888, and it has been continued on that day ever since. It is participated in by all the members of the Sunday School. With one or two exceptions, Mrs. Schwenk has been present on these happy occasions.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The Ladies' Aid Society was organized on Thursday, May 2, 1912. The presidents have been: Mrs. J. Tucker Lansdale, 1912-1921; Mrs. Jesse C. Van Gelder, 1921-.

The present officers are: President, Mrs. Jesse C. Van Gelder; Vice-President, Mrs. Rasmus H. Krog; Secretary, Mrs. Raymond Payne; Treasurer, Mrs. Bryant Randolph; Chairman of Missionary Committee, Mrs. Anno C. Dykema.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The present membership of the church consists of 50 families and 87 members. The total contributions for church support since 1912 have been \$24,932 and \$1,017 for missions or a grand total of \$25,949.

THE MINISTERS.

Rev. Joseph Tucker Lansdale was born on December 13, 1866, in Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from Baltimore City College in 1886 and from Drew Theological Seminary in 1891. He was licensed by the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church in 1891. He served in the Methodist Episcopal Church from 1891 to 1897. He was the stated supply of the Bethany Memorial Reformed Church, New York City, from 1897 to 1904. He was stated supply of Marconnier Chapel 1906-1912, and pastor of Marconnier Reformed Church, 1912-1921, and since 1921 has been pastor emeritus. He married Miss Laura Filbert. They have two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Laura Filbert Lansdale Turner (Mrs. Samuel D.)

Rev. James Cortelyou Garretson was born in Middlebush, N. J., August 8, 1851. He graduated from Rutgers College in 1871 and from New Brunswick Seminary in 1874. He was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick. He served the following Reformed Churches—Prattsville, N. Y., 1875-1877; Taghkanick, West Copake, N. Y., 1877-1891; stated supply, Marconnier, Oak Tree, 1921-1924. He died in Plainfield, N. J., on December 10, 1926. He married Miss Kate Mundry. Of this union six children were born—John H., Otis F., Willard S., Harriet P., Gertrude M., Edison N.

Rev. Anno Charles Dykema was born in Chicago, Ill., on May 20, 1878. He graduated from Hope College, Holland, Mich., in 1906, and from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1909. He served the Reformed Church, Mahwah, N. J., 1909-1917; Presbyterian Church, Sheldon, Ill., 1917-1921; Riverside Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J., 1921-1927; Marconnier Reformed Church, Oak Tree, N. J., 1927. He married Miss Adelia Siemons.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

of

The Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Marconnier
Reformed Church in America at Oak Tree in the
County of Middlesex.

To Whom it May Concern :

We, Reverend J. Tucker Lansdale, William A. Neidlingier, Rowland H. Leveridge, William E. Van Court and being the minister, elders and deacons of the Reformed Church in America situate at Oak Tree, Middlesex County, New Jersey, duly elected, appointed or called according to the manner, usages and customs of the Reformed Church in America, and being the trustees of said church and a body politic and corporate in law, do hereby certify that we have taken upon ourselves the name of "The Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Marconnier Reformed Church in America at Oak Tree, in the County of Middlesex" as our corporate name, to the end that this, our certificate be recorded and said church and its said trustees entitled to all the powers, rights and privileges to which it and they are entitled under and pursuant to the Acts of the Legislature of this State in such case made and provided.

In Witness Whereof, we hereunto set our hand and seals this twenty-seventh day of February, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

J. TUCKER LANSDALE L. S.

W. A. NEIDLINGIER L. S.

ROWLAND H. LEVERIDGE L. S.

WILLIAM E. VAN COURT L. S.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of :

WM. A. CODINGTON.

State of New Jersey, }
County of Middlesex, } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this Twenty-seventh day of February, Nineteen hundred and thirteen, before me, a Master in Chancery of New Jersey, personally appeared Reverend J. Tucker Lansdale, William A. Neidlingier, Rowland H. Leveridge, William E. Van Court, and who I am satisfied are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing certificate and I having first made known to them the contents thereof they did acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the

same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WM. A. CODDINGTON,
M. C. C. of N. J.

Received and Recorded April 14, 1913, at 8:00 A. M.

BERNARD M. GANNON,
Clerk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

State of New Jersey, }
County of Middlesex, } ss.

I, George Cathers, Clerk of the County of Middlesex, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record of a certain Certificate of Incorporation made by The Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Marconnier Reformed Church in America at Oak Tree, in the County of Middlesex, and also of the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed, as the same may be found recorded in my office in book I of Cert. of Incorp. for said County on Pages 25.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 26th day of May A. D. 1930.

(Seal)

GEORGE CATHERS,
Clerk.

XXIV. NETHERWOOD REFORMED CHURCH

The Netherwood Reformed Church was founded with a deep faith in God. While making pastoral visitation in this section on the afternoon of January 7, 1909, the thought came to the writer that there was a great need for a church in this new development of the city. Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek is known as the father of this church.

On Sunday, February 28, 1909, Rev. J. Brownlee Voorhees, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, preached in Trinity Reformed Church, and on the afternoon of that day, looked over the field. He was greatly impressed with the splendid opportunities and wrote in a letter of March 4, 1909, as follows: "Upon reflection, I am more than ever con-

vinced of the necessity of speedy action on the part of the Classis of Newark in the Netherwood matter. It is an opportunity for church extension such as comes only once in five years, and we must not let this opportunity slip."

At the spring session of the Classis of Newark, held in Christ Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., on April 21, 1909, the Rev. John Y. Broek presented to classis, the splendid opportunity for establishing a church at Netherwood and urged immediate action upon the matter. Previous to this meeting Revs. Stuart Nye Hutchinson, of the First Reformed Church, Newark, and Rev. Albert H. Von Schielder, of the Montclair Church, members of the Church Extension Committee of Classis, had visited the field and were most favorably impressed. At this same meeting of classis, through the enthusiasm and deep interest of Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., pastor of the North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., and Elder Joseph S. Mundy, of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, \$2,875 was immediately pledged on the floor of classis. The amounts pledged by the churches were as follows: North, Newark, \$1,000; Clinton Avenue, Newark, \$750; Trinity, Plainfield, \$500; East Orange, \$200; Christ Reformed, \$100; First, Newark, \$25; Trinity, Newark, \$25; Montclair Heights, \$25; Nutley, \$25; New York Avenue, Newark, \$25; Irvington, \$25; Brookdale, \$25; Linden, \$25; Bible School, Clinton Avenue, Newark, \$25; making a total of \$2,875. That meeting of classis has become historic as it marked a forward step in church extension in the Classis of Newark. Elder Joseph S. Mundy always remained a loyal friend of this church and his generosity and liberality became known repeatedly.

On Friday afternoon, April 23, 1909, the Church Extension Committee of Classis, composed of the following members: Revs. James I. Vance, D. D., Stuart Nye Hutchinson, Uriah McClinchie, Elders Joseph S. Mundy and Henry E. Ogden, and the Rev. John Y. Broek, visited the field with the idea of selecting a site for the new church. The committee looked at several sites and finally purchased on May 20, 1909, two lots at the corner of Leland and Midway avenues, with a frontage of 100 feet and a depth of 125 feet, from Alfred A. Prudon and

Thomas A. Randall for the sum of \$1,050. On May 12, 1909, the committee ordered a portable church from the Ducker Company, 277 Broadway, New York City, for \$2,600. An additional amount of \$100 was paid the Ducker Company for erecting brick piers; \$30 was also expended for searching the title of the property, this making the total expense \$3,780. The net indebtedness of \$905 was provided by the Board of Domestic Missions, and by action of Classis said Board was requested to take title to the property until such time when the church should be independently organized and incorporated, and also to assume a mortgage of \$900 on the property. In September, 1909, the Board of Domestic Missions paid the sewer assessments against the property; the Women's Board of Domestic Missions also made an appropriation for furnishings, which were purchased on June 16, 1909.

On Monday, May 24, 1909, Mr. Royal A. Stout, a student completing his middle year in the New Brunswick Seminary, was placed in charge of the work. He was commissioned by the Board of Domestic Missions, and his salary and expenses were paid by them. Mr. Stout remained the student pastor of the chapel until after his graduation from the New Brunswick Seminary in May, 1910, and until his ordination to the gospel ministry and installation as pastor of this church by the Classis of Newark on May 27, 1910. The spiritual and temporal oversight of the chapel was placed under the care of the consistory of Trinity Reformed Church. Soon after Mr. Stout's arrival on the field, a religious census was taken. On June 18, 1909, the Ladies' Guild was organized.

On July 2, 1909, the portable building appeared on the grounds and in less than two days, the church was constructed. The first service was held on Sunday, July 4, 1909. Mr. Royal A. Stout and Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek swept out the building early on Sunday morning for the first service. The Bible School met at 9.45 and had an attendance of 25 at its first service. The regular morning service was held at eleven o'clock, and Mr. Royal A. Stout preached on the subject "Our Church." There were 50 present at this service.

The dedication service of the chapel was held on Thursday evening, July 8, 1909, under direction of the Classis of Newark. There were about 30 delegates present. The church was filled to its capacity, and many who came late were compelled to stand. Rev. Ernest Saure, of Linden, N. J., president of classis, presided. Rev. Albert Von Schlieder, of Montclair Heights, led the congregation in the responsive readings from the 24th and 132nd Psalms, and read the Scripture lesson. The beautiful dedication prayer was offered by the Rev. John Y. Broek, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, and the congregation audibly united in the responses. A powerful sermon was preached by Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., of the North Reformed Church, Newark, who took as his text Psalm 62:5: "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him." Dr. Vance said in part:

"Our expectations for the success of the enterprise must solely be upon God. The work was begun in faith and prayer, and in all our work we must rely on God for his power. We often confuse influence and power in church work. God has not promised his church influence, but He said, 'Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you.'"

An address of congratulation was made by Rev. J. Brownlee Voorhees, of the Board of Domestic Missions, who manifested sincere joy in seeing the new enterprise launched so successfully. Mrs. John S. Allen of the Women's Executive Committee brought greetings from the Women's Board. Mr. Royal A. Stout spoke in a happy vein. He told of the loyalty and hearty cooperation he had received on the part of the people of the community, and their great appreciation of having a church in their own community. Elder Joseph S. Mundy, of the Clinton Avenue Church, Newark, was the last speaker. He told of how the Rev. John Y. Broek of Trinity Church had brought the matter of establishing a church to the attention of classis. He stated how Classis at first wavered and then took hold with a mighty faith in God and raised \$2,875 on that very afternoon before they adjourned. God's spirit hovered over that meeting, and this church has truly been founded in faith and prayer.

The music at the service was rendered by the quartette of Trinity Reformed Church, who sang two beautiful selections. The quartette was composed of Miss S. Etta Raybert, soprano; Miss Winifred S. Carroll, contralto; Mr. Frederick S. Cutter, bass; Mr. Edmund D. Young, tenor. Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth was at the piano. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Stewart Nye Hutchinson, of Newark. An informal reception and social time followed which had been made possible through the kindness and forethought of the Ladies' Christian Work Society of Trinity Reformed Church. Among the delegates of classis who were present were the Rev. Dennis Wortman, D. D., L. H. D., of East Orange, N. J.; Rev. H. Merle Mellen, of Christ Reformed Church, Newark; Rev. Charles B. Condit of Trinity Reformed Church, Newark; Rev. Albertus T. Broek, of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, who brought with him a delegation from his consistory; Rev. Charles E. Waldron, of Brookdale, N. J. The consistory of Trinity Reformed Church was present in a body.

On July 19, 1909, the first congregational meeting was held, at which time an executive committee was appointed. The members of this committee were: President, Mr. Royal A. Stout; Vice-President, Mr. William T. Banks; Secretary, Mr. Samuel O. Rush; Treasurer, Mr. George D. Merkel; Church Master, Mr. Enoch Berry; Mr. A. H. Stevenson and Mr. A. F. Randolph. The first meeting of the executive committee was held on July 26, 1909. On July 12, 1909, a bell was presented to the chapel by Elder Cornelius H. Vander Hoef, of the North Reformed Church, Newark. On July 13, 1909, the first lawn festival was held, and an indoor social was enjoyed on July 22, 1909. Mr. Gustav Frumerie was the first sexton.

The officers of the Ladies' Guild which was organized on June 18, 1909, were: President, Mrs. George D. Merkel; Vice-President, Miss Maude Berry; Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Barwise; Treasurer, Mrs. P. H. Wood.

The officers of the Bible School were: Superintendent, Samuel O. Rush, Kindergarten Superintendent and Treasurer, Mrs. P. H. Wood; Secretary, Mr. Gustave Frumerie. The

Bible School met at 9.45, the morning service was held at eleven o'clock and the evening service at 7.45 P. M.

On October 1, 1909, the first prayer meeting was started. On Sunday, October 17, 1909, the Christian Endeavor Society was organized. In November, 1909, a primary and committee room was added on the rear of the edifice at the cost of \$150. This amount was pledged by the Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., of the North Reformed Church, Newark.

The chapel was organized into a regularly constituted church on January 5, 1910, by a special meeting of the Classis of Newark. The services were opened with devotional exercises at which Rev. Charles B. Condit presided. The invocation was pronounced by Mr. Royal A. Stout. Rev. Charles B. Condit led in the responsive reading and Rev. Stuart Nye Hutchinson read the scripture lesson from Philippians, the first chapter. Prayer was offered by Rev. William W. Connor, of the Reformed Church of Belleville. Miss S. Etta Raybert sang a solo and she was accompanied by Mr. Arthur L. Titsworth, organist of Trinity Church, Plainfield. The hymns, "Love Divine," "Come Thou Almighty King," and "The Church's One Foundation," were sung. Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., of the North Reformed Church, Newark, preached the sermon from Philippians 1:27. "Only let your conversation be as it becomes the gospel of Christ; that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind strong together for the faith of the gospel." Dr. Vance said: "The lives we live as Christians must give credit to what we teach. Members of a church must live worthy of the gospel. We must rebuke skepticism and shame sin. This will make a conquering church. Let this newly organized church be made of people whose lives are worthy of the gospel.

"Paul pleads for a united church. In order that we may have such a church, we must fight shoulder to shoulder, and stand foursquare to all winds that blow. If the church of Christ would only stand together, she could conquer almost anything. The apostle wants a united church that it may be a permanent church. Christians should stand shoulder to shoulder



PORTABLE NETHERWOOD REFORMED CHURCH IN 1909



INTERIOR, PORTABLE NETHERWOOD REFORMED CHURCH IN 1909



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for certain things. Paul does not speak so much about corporate union, as christian personal union. Christians must be brotherly and kind toward each other. If this occurs, the organization will take care of itself.

"We must get together for the sake of the gospel and for the sake of Calvary. If we can get together for the sake of trade, can we not get together for Christ? We must not stand in estrangement of each other, for the sake of sectarianism.

"We need people in the church who are dead in earnest. The power is not in our earnestness, but in our message. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation and must become our companion in arms. Whether this church grows rapidly or slowly, becomes self-supporting or aided financially for a length of time, the important thing is to live lives worthy of the gospel."

After the sermon, classis went into executive session and received 32 charter members to constitute the Netherwood Reformed Church. Seventeen came by letter from other churches and 15 on confession of their faith. These latter candidates were examined by Rev. James I. Vance, D. D.

The following is a list of the charter members: Samuel O. Rush, Enoch Berry, Isaac Stevenson, Mrs. Kate Yeomans, Mrs. G. York, Mrs. G. H. Young, Gustave Frumerie, Richard Nauser, Valentine Steenson, James H. Steenson, Mrs. Samuel O. Rush, Mrs. E. Berry, Mrs. J. Steenson, Mrs. Gustave Frumerie, Claude Gonod, Mrs. George D. Merkle, Mrs. W. Carson, Mrs. S. E. Carson, Miss Helen Carson, Clarence Berry, Mrs. Walter Coon, Mrs. Fred Frey, Gertrude Berry, Elizabeth Steenson, Mrs. C. Gonod, William Carson, James C. Hansen, Mrs. James C. Hansen, Rose Carson.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Y. Broek. Other members of classis being present, were: Elder Mitchell, of First Reformed Church, Newark, and Elders F. E. Smith and H. J. Martin, of Trinity Church, Plainfield.

On January 22, 1910, the church had a business meeting for the purpose of electing elders and deacons. Rev. John Y. Broek presided at the meeting. The following persons were chosen to comprise the consistory of the church: Elders, James C. Hansen, Samuel O. Rush, William Carson. Deacons,

Enoch Berry, Gustave Frumerie, Claude Gonod. These officers were ordained and installed into office by the Rev. John Y. Broek at the first preparatory service, held on Friday evening, February 4, 1910. By lot it was determined that James C. Hansen was elected to serve one year and Samuel O. Rush and William Carson for two years as elders. It was also determined that Gustave Frumerie should serve for one year and Claude Gonod and Enoch Berry for two years as deacons. Mr. Samuel O. Rush was elected president pro tem of the consistory and Mr. James C. Hansen, clerk. The following advisory board was appointed to meet regularly with the consistory: Messrs. Jacob Voehl, Jr., William A. Banks, John Johnson, A. H. Stevens, George D. Merkle, Amos Andrews. The first regular meeting of the consistory was held on Friday evening, February 11, 1910.

The first communion service was held on Sunday morning, February 6, 1910. It was conducted by Rev. John Y. Broek, assisted by Mr. Royal A. Stout. Two members were received on confession—Miss Lillian Yorks and Mr. Ralph Noe. There was special music by Dr. Joseph F. Berg and Mr. Martin A. Korff. The handsome silver communion service used, was given by Mr. VanMarter Wyckoff Suydam, an elder in the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick. The communion table was given by the Bible School class of the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, of which his wife, Mrs. V. W. Suydam, was teacher.

At a congregational meeting held on March 1, 1910, and presided over by the Rev. John Y. Broek, a call was extended to Mr. Royal A. Stout, a senior in the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, to become the pastor, with a salary of \$1,000 a year and the use of a parsonage. Deacons Claude Gonod and Enoch Berry were appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Stout and present him with the call. On March 8, 1910, Mr. Stout announced his acceptance of the call. At a meeting of the Board of Domestic Missions held on April 10, 1910, an application for an appropriation of \$800 to aid in the salary of the Minister of the Netherwood Church was granted.

On Sundays of April and May, 1910, representative men of the Reformed Church occupied the pulpit. The following were the preachers: Rev. John Howard Raven, D. D., Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D. D., Rev. William I. Chamberlain, D. D., Rev. William H. S. Demarest, D. D., Rev. J. Preston Searle, D. D., Rev. Henry Du Bois Mulford, D. D., Rev. Philetus T. Pockman, D. D., Rev. George H. Payson, D. D.

Rev. Royal A. Stout was examined for ordination in the North Reformed Church, Newark, at a special session of the Classis of Newark, on May 21, 1910. Mr. Stout was ordained to the ministry and installed as pastor of the Netherwood Reformed Church by the Classis of Newark, on May 27, 1910. In the absence of the president, Rev. John Y. Broek presided and read the form of ordination and installation. All the ministers present participated in the solemn ceremony of laying on of hands. Elder Joseph S. Mundy made the opening prayer. The music was furnished by the choir of Trinity Reformed Church and included the anthem, "The Great Day of the Lord." A duet by Mr. Frederick S. Cutter and Miss S. Etta Raybert followed the charge to the congregation.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Philetus T. Pockman, D. D., pastor of the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, on the subject "The Church." Dr. Pockman said: "The church is the custodian of the Word of God. The main characteristics of the church are its unity, efficiency, world-wide sphere of activity and a present and future glory. The church possesses unity but not uniformity. It has a variety of religious experience and character.

"The purpose of the church is to save men from sin and to develop christian character. It has but one God and one Saviour; one revelation of God and one heaven. She is also the pillar and ground of truth and truth finds expression in the life of the members of the church. She is the greatest institution in the world and is the unrelenting foe of wickedness. She helps to strike down unrighteousness and is the leader in every reform movement. This is what makes America so free and it is our highest joy in holding up the living God."

The charge to the people was delivered by the Rev. Henry Vyverberg, of Hurley, N. Y. He declared "that it is manhood and life which count in the gospel ministry. The pastor must be a man with a message and his equipment must be the Word of God and Christ's fellowship."

Rev. Albertus T. Broek, of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, charged the congregation. He said: "Do not expect too much from the pastor. He is but human and his duties call him at times when some minor things need not be placed upon him as an extra tax. Visits to members of the congregation should not be expected every week. There are souls outside the kingdom which must be saved. Be liberal in your contribution to the work of the Lord, being sure that you are paying the Lord's tax. Every church can make its pastor and remember that the object of the church is to spread the spirit of Jesus Christ throughout the community."

The first anniversary service of the church was held on Sunday, July 5, 1910. Rev. Royal A. Stout, the pastor, referred in an interesting way to the success of the church during the first year and hoped for greater things in the future. The report of the treasurer, Mr. John Johnson, showed total receipts for the year of \$684.24, and disbursements of \$522.95. In the report of the Classis of Newark for 1910, the church reported 34 members, 25 families, 50 adherents, total enrollment of Bible School 56, total amount contributed for congregational expenses \$470.

On August 9, 1910, the consistory decided to purchase a lot on the northwest corner of Leland and Midway Avenues, and erect a parsonage thereon. The lot was formerly owned by Mr. George W. Cole, and had a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 166 feet. During the fall of 1910 this parsonage was erected. It is a two and a half story house. The plans were drawn by architect Fred Lancaster. The total cost of the lot and house was about \$5,000. The Woman's Board of Domestic Missions contributed \$1,000.

On October 24, 1910, a men's club was organized with 30 charter members. The club adopted the name of the "Dutch Arms Club of Netherwood." Its object was to promote the

social welfare of the members and to bring them in closer contact with the church. Meetings were held each month. The officers elected were as follows: President, Mr. Henry Hansen; first vice president, Mr. William T. Banks; second vice president, Mr. Amos Andrews; Secretary, Mr. Claude Gonod; Treasurer, Mr. Jacob Voehl, Jr.

The first wedding which took place in the church was that of the pastor, Rev. Royal A. Stout and Miss Ellen Surram Peterson, of New Brunswick, N. J. The ceremony was solemnized on December 8, 1910, by the Rev. Philetus T. Pockman, D. D., pastor of the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick.

In April, 1911, a small pipe organ was installed, which added much to the service of worship.

Rev. Royal A. Stout worked hard and faithfully for the growth of the church and his labors were rewarded. At a special session of the Classis of Newark, held on June 19, 1913, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Royal Arthur Stout and the Netherwood Reformed Church was dissolved to take effect September 1, 1913. Rev. Stout accepted a call to the Green Hill Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. The Classis of Newark adopted the following resolution relative to the dismissal of the Rev. Royal A. Stout: "It is with great regret that the Classis of Newark dissolves the pastoral relation between the Netherwood Reformed Church and the Rev. Royal A. Stout. Mr. Stout's short ministry in this church has been successful and speaks much for a similar prosperity in the new field to which he has been called. Mr. Stout leaves this field where he has labored from the beginning of the organization to the great regret of the church and classis. We are sorry that the church must lose him; and we as a classis shall miss him for his friendship and genial companionship. We congratulate him and wish him Godspeed in the large field of service to which he has been called."

Mr. Stout died at Hemet, California, on February 5, 1920.

During the interim of the vacancy of the pastorate from September 1, 1913, to May 1, 1914, Rev. John Y. Broek was appointed classical supervisor of the consistory. In December,

1913, a call was extended to Rev. Edward Kelder, Ph.D., of Coytesville, N. J., but he declined.

PASTORATE OF REV. EDWARD S. RALSTON

On May 1, 1914, the consistory and congregation unanimously called the Rev. Edward S. Ralston to the pastorate. Mr. Ralston was largely occupied in the erection of a new chapel and Bible School building for the growing Bible School and church. On July 29, 1915, the first sod was turned for the erection of the new church building. The exercises were of an informal nature. The pastor, Rev. Edward S. Ralston, had charge and offered an opening prayer. He also made a few remarks of an encouraging nature, reviewing the progress made by the congregation which was about to culminate in the erection of the beautiful church.

The honor of turning the first sod was given to Mr. Samuel O. Rush and Mr. O. P. Wahlig, two old parishioners, and to Rev. Edward S. Ralston and Rev. John Y. Broek.

The Rev. John Y. Broek followed with a short address. He said in part: "It is a great and noble thing to build the church of God. On the average ten churches are being built in our land each day. It is a fact of striking significance that not a day passes but what some new church is being erected.

"The religious element is fundamental in man. We cannot get along without the church, and we will never outgrow the church. The church is increasing and growing stronger every day. From every hamlet in our country, church spires are arising. The church has a message. It has a gospel to proclaim and we are to live out this gospel of love in the community.

"The Netherwood Church has been established in faith. It has passed through many struggles during its early days. We recall so well the erection of this former church building in two days, the first session of the Sunday School, the dedication services of the old building, the organization of the church on that stormy night in January, 1910, and the ordination of the Rev. Royal A. Stout as the first pastor of the church, who rendered such splendid service.

"We must labor and build in faith for the future. The future is as bright as the promises of God. This is a time for optimism and joy. God has brought material and spiritual blessing to this church during the past year. God has opened the hearts of generous donors and many persons have united with the church. The past year has been the best in your history. There is every reason to be full of courage and faith."

LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE

The following account of the laying of the cornerstone of the Netherwood Reformed Church on Sunday afternoon, November 14, 1915, was prepared by Rev. Edward S. Ralston and appeared in the Plainfield "Daily Press" of November 15, 1915:

"The cornerstone of the chapel and Bible School auditorium of the Netherwood Reformed Church was laid in the presence of a large company of people, representing most of the churches of Plainfield. Just as the services were beginning, rain began to fall. This made necessary a change in the order of exercises, and kept many people away who would otherwise have been present. The actual laying of the cornerstone was hurried through at the beginning of the service, and then as many of the people as possible, crowded into the old building for the remainder of the program. In spite of the unpleasant conditions everything was successfully carried through. The Dutch Arms Band opened the exercises with appropriate selections, after which the audience joined in singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." On the tower platform, where the cornerstone was to be laid, and which was decorated with American flags, were assembled the ministers of the city churches.

"The Rev. John Y. Broek offered the opening prayer, after which Miss Blanche Kelley, of New York City, sang a solo. Mr. Broek, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, then laid the cornerstone, using the liturgy of the Reformed Church, and being assisted by Rev. Edward S. Ralston, the pastor of the Netherwood Reformed Church. The following articles were placed in the stone: A Bible, the Year Book of the Reformed Church in America, lists of the officers of the Netherwood

Church, the officers of the societies of the church, of all members of the church from its beginning, of all officers and members of all departments of the Sunday School; a folder issued at the beginning of the church, containing the names of its first officers; a photograph of the Rev. and Mrs. Royal A. Stout, photographs of the Rev. and Mrs. Edward S. Ralston, a photograph of the Rev. John Y. Broek, a program of the services of laying the cornerstone, coins of the current years, clippings from Plainfield newspapers, describing the beginnings of the work six years ago, roster of Winfield Scott Post, No. 73, G. A. R., the Plainfield "Courier News," November 13, 1915; the Plainfield "Press" of November 13, 1915. After the ceremony, the children of the beginners' department of the Sunday School marched up, singing 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' and strewed flowers about the base of the tower.

"The audience then adjourned to the old building, which was filled to its utmost capacity, many being unable to get in. There the program was continued with a solo by Miss Kelley, after this the Rev. Samuel L. Loomis, of Westfield, an old friend of Mr. Ralston, brought the greeting of the Congregational Churches. The Rev. Philip B. Strong, D. D., made a pleasing address for the Baptist Churches. The Hymn, 'Blest Be the Tie that Binds,' was sung. This was followed by a hearty word of congratulation by the Rev. Charles B. Condit, of Newark, the stated clerk of the Classis of Newark of the Reformed Church. Mr. Broek followed with a genial address of good wishes. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Edward S. Ralston, spoke a few words especially calling to mind those whose gifts had made possible the new church, the late Mrs. Susan P. DuBois, the friend of the church from the beginning, and remembering it with a legacy of \$1,000, and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees, who had made the generous gift of \$5,000 to the building. The hymn 'The Church's One Foundation' was sung, and the benediction then pronounced by the Rev. Charles B. Condit.

"The section in which the Netherwood Church is located has been growing rapidly and has brought many new families to that part of the city and the church membership has kept pace

with this remarkable growth. About a year ago, plans were started for the building of a larger and permanent church building. It was decided to first build the chapel and later erect the main church edifice. Building plans were prepared by Charles W. Bolton & Son, architects of Philadelphia.

"The plans called for a building of hollow tile and stucco, trimmed with a fine grade of artificial stone. The floors are of reinforced concrete, strengthened by heavy steel girders. There is no woodwork about the windows and the entire building is practically fireproof. The building stands on a knoll with the main floor sufficiently high about the ground to permit a large basement underneath the entire building.

"The main auditorium has a seating capacity of about 200, so arranged with moveable partitions that five Sunday School classes can be arranged. These partitions can be removed when necessary, so that the entire floor can be thrown into one room in the event of an unusually large congregation. In this way the seating capacity can be increased to 250. There are two entrances at the front of the building and one at the rear.

"The basement which is about 50 by 30 feet is 14 feet in the clear. It is planned to permit basketball games and a gymnasium, as well as for dinners and such other purposes as may be necessary. A commodious kitchen 12 by 30 feet is another convenience, while on the south side there are galleries for spectators at the games.

"The heating apparatus is located in the front of the building directly under the tower. There are entrances to the basement from the outside at front and rear."

Messrs. B. F. Tallamy & Bros. were the contractors. The building completely furnished cost \$17,000. The new church building was occupied for the first time on Sunday, June 4, 1916, when a communion service was held, at which time thirty-two united with the church.

During the school years of 1914-15 and 1915-16, the portable church building was used for school purposes. On Sunday afternoon, April 30, 1916, the cornerstone of the new Emerson Street School was laid by Rev. E. S. Ralston, under the auspices of the East End Civic Association.

INSTALLATION OF REV. EDWARD S. RALSTON

The installation of Rev. Edward S. Ralston as pastor took place on Thursday evening, June 14, 1917. It was delayed that it might be held in the new church building. Rev. J. Garland Hamner, Jr., president of the Classis of Newark and minister of the Reformed Church, Belleville, N. J., presided and conducted the service of installation according to the liturgy of the Reformed Church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles E. Herring, Ph.D., minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, N. J. The charge to the pastor was given by the Rev. Charles Beach Condit, minister of Trinity Reformed Church, Newark, N. J. The charge to the people was delivered by the Rev. John Y. Broek, minister of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Edward S. Ralston. During the service Mrs. George W. Anderson rendered a contralto solo "The Lord is My Shepherd." The familiar hymns, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" and "The Church's One Foundation" were sung by the congregation.

In December, 1917, Rev. Ralston was granted a leave of absence to engage in war service as a Y. M. C. A. Secretary. He was stationed at Camp Donathan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was transferred to Camp Humphries, Virginia, in October, 1918. He remained at this place until January 1st, when he was appointed as a special speaker on the staff of the Y. M. C. A. for Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia. He returned to the pastorate of this church in February, 1919. He was most heartily received and given an increase in salary. During his absence, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Edward G. Read, D. D., of this city.

DEDICATION OF CHAPEL AND BIBLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

This building was solemnly dedicated to Almighty God with an impressive service on Sunday afternoon, June 29, 1919. It was in accordance with the wishes of the pastor that the formal dedication service be postponed until the church was free from

debt. The sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. William I. Chamberlain, D. D., of the Board of Foreign Missions, New York City, and the historical address was delivered by the Rev. John Y. Broek, of Trinity Reformed Church. It seems a striking coincidence that the text of Dr. Chamberlain's sermon was the same as that of Dr. Vance, when he preached the sermon at the dedication of the portable chapel. The text on both occasions was taken from Psalm 62:5, "My soul, wait thou only upon God: for my expectation is from Him." The dedication was conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. Edward S. Ralston, according to the beautiful service in the liturgy of the Reformed Church. A large American flag, presented by the Boys' Club, was raised at the conclusion of the service. The responsive reading was Psalm 24 and the Scripture lesson was taken from Revelation 21:10-17. Mrs. W. S. Brant sang as an offertory solo "Ave Maria," by Renard, and a quartette rendered the anthem "God is a Spirit," by Bennett.

RESIGNATION OF REV. EDWARD S. RALSTON

In December, 1919, Rev. Ralston felt the call to work with the Inter-Church World Movement, and accordingly asked his consistory for leave of absence which was granted. Continuing his work with this movement, Mr. Ralston found it impossible to carry on his labors as pastor of this church and, therefore, on March 25, 1920, presented his resignation which was accepted by the consistory, to take effect on May 1, 1920. The pastoral relation was dissolved at the spring session of the Classis of Newark, and the following resolutions were ordered placed upon its records as an appreciation of the labors of Rev. Ralston:

"In dissolving the pastoral relations between the Netherwood Reformed Church and the Rev. Edward S. Ralston, to take effect May 1, 1920, the Classis of Newark desires to place upon its records the deep appreciation of the services of this brother to this church during the five years of his pastorate. Through his efforts and faithful work the present beautiful church building was erected and dedicated without debt. He

wrought well for the church he served. As president of the East End Civic Association he was the leader in everything that tended to the betterment of the civic life of the community. We regret that the church is losing such a good minister, and the entire community such a wise counselor and leader.'

WORLD WAR WORK

The honor roll of the members who served in the World War is as follows:

Arthur Adams, Frederick Rowe, Alexander Campbell, Arthur Campbell, Charles Carson, James Carson, John Cartwright, Robert Cartwright, Frank Dower, Frederick Drake, William Ferguson, John Frederickson, Monroe Gullberg, Max Hansen, *Arthur Kienzle, Albert Leacock, Joycelin Meade, John Arthur Morris, Walter Morris, Roy Mowen, Hardress Patterson, Capt. Charles A. Peterson, Albert Porter, Lieut. Arthur E. Ralston Homer Scruton, Edward Taylor. Army Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Edward S. Ralston. Army Y. M. C. A., Horace J. Martin, Rev. Edward S. Ralston, Samuel O. Rush.

*Arthur Kienzle, who made the supreme sacrifice, enlisted February 25, 1918, at Plainfield, N. J., in Company A, 113th Infantry, 78th Division. He entered Camp Dix February 25, 1918, and sailed for France May 17, 1918. In the battle of Metz he went over the top successfully and was in the battle of Saint Mihiel sector and was reported missing September 24, 1918. He was wounded in the right leg below the hip by a machine gun bullet on September 26, 1918. He was taken prisoner and sent to Reserve Hospital at Kreuznach, Germany. He died of wounds October 16, 1918.

PASTORATE OF REV. SHERMAN H. MARCY.

At a special meeting of the consistory held on Tuesday, September 14, 1920, moderated by Rev. John Y. Broek, a call was extended to the Rev. Sherman H. Macy, formerly pastor of the Weequahic Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J. Mr. Marcy was graduated from Colgate University and Hamilton Theological Seminary. His first pastorate was the Baptist Church at Hempstead, L. I. He served in Y. M. C. A. work

at Camp Hill during the war. He preached in the church on Sundays, July 24, and August 7, 1920. On August 4, at a congregational meeting, it was voted by the congregation to ask the consistory to extend a call to Rev. S. H. Marcy. The call was signed by Elders John B. Lane, Irving Mills and Deacon John S. Cartwright.

On September 23, 1920, a special meeting of the Classis of Newark was held in the North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J. Rev. Marcy was received as a member of classis from the Presbytery of Newark, the call of the Netherwood Church upon him was approved and arrangements were made for his installation as pastor. The date of the beginning of his pastorate was September 1, 1920.

The service of installation of the Rev. Sherman H. Marcy as pastor of the church was held on October 6, 1920. Rev. Francis R. Fenn, president of the Classis of Newark, presided. The Scripture was read by Rev. Herbert C. Coenen, minister of First German Church, Newark, N. J., followed by prayer by Rev. James C. Garretson of this city. A solo, "This Is My Task," was sung by Mr. R. J. Randolph of Newark, accompanied by Mrs. M. E. Brandt. The sermon was preached by Rev. Frederick W. Johnson, D. D., Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of New Jersey, who took as his text John 12:32: "And I if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." "He referred to the infinite power of Christ to raise men to Christian standards. Jesus Christ comes into our lives every day and reinforces us. Our salvation does not depend so much upon our grip on Christ as Christ's grip upon us."

The service of installation was conducted by Rev. Francis R. Fenn, the president of the classis, according to the liturgy of the Reformed Church.

The charge to the congregation was delivered by the Rev. John Y. Broek, of Trinity Reformed Church. He said: "The installation of a pastor is always an occasion of joy. It is similar to a marriage service. There are solemn obligations taken on the part of the contracting parties, the pastor assuming the part of the bridegroom and the congregation the bride. Give your pastor your loyal support. You will not find per-

fection in your pastor neither will your pastor find perfection in his congregation. Love your pastor as the Ambassador of Christ."

The charge to the pastor was given by the Rev. Charles B. Condit, who said the pastor will be one who will lead you with guidance and the blessings of God. The benediction was pronounced by the newly installed pastor, Rev. Sherman H. Marcy. A large congregation was present, among the number being many members of Trinity Church.

COMPLETING THE CHURCH BUILDING

During the early ministry of Rev. Marcy through the rapid influx of new families into this section of the city, the Bible School had entirely outgrown the space provided by the chapel. Every available space was occupied by the growing school. The instruction of children in this cramped condition was given under a great handicap. No auditorium was provided for church worship. At this time the Board of Education had erected the Emerson school to care for the education of the children of the community.

Under these exhilarating conditions of wonderful growth, there was only one solution for the needs of the church. It was to complete the main auditorium that adequate room might be given for the religious development of the community. To that task Rev. Marcy gave himself with all his strength and energy.

Ground for the new Netherwood Reformed Church was broken on July 19, 1924, at 5 o'clock by a simple ceremony. Rev. John Y. Broek, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, the mother church, spoke briefly on the history of this church. The breaking of the ground was witnessed by many interested persons.

The consistory composed of President Rev. S. H. Marcy; Elders A. V. Kennedy, Raymond Parlette, William Carson, John B. Lane, Andrew Palmer; Deacons John W. Cartwright, George W. Mount, Charles Dickenscheid, F. Arthur Eastlund, engaged Mr. Harry G. Hunter as architect and gave the contract for the new building to James W. Carver for \$30,000.

THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE

The cornerstone of the Netherwood Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., was laid with appropriate religious services on Sunday afternoon, October 26th, 1924, at 3 P. M., Rev. John Y. Broek, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, the mother church, presided. Instrumental music was rendered by a quartette of cornetists. The liturgy was read and the cornerstone was laid by the Rev. Sherman H. Marcy, pastor of the Netherwood Reformed Church.

The following papers were placed in the cornerstone by the Rev. John Y. Broek:

1. Rules of Order of the Classis of Newark.
2. Minutes of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick for 1924.
3. Historical Sermon of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., 35th anniversary, prepared by Rev. John Y. Broek.
4. History of the Netherwood Reformed Church prepared by Rev. John Y. Broek.
5. "Courier News" October 25th, 1924.
6. List of members and contributors of the Netherwood Reformed Church.
7. List of officers of the consistory and of the various organizations.
8. Various coins.
9. Souvenir of the Dedication of the Church on June 29, 1919.
10. Bible.

The hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," was sung, following which congratulatory addresses were made by Rev. John Y. Broek, of Trinity Reformed Church; Rev. John A. Ingham, D. D., of the Progress Campaign Committee of the Reformed Church; Rev. John J. Moment, of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, representing the Presbyterian Church; Rev. Howard E. Clarke, of the Congregational Church; Rev. David T. Stephenson, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. A. J. C. Bond, of the Seventh Day

Baptist Church; Rev. A. S. Phelps, of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; Judge J. Henry Crane, teacher of the Men's Bible Class; Rabbi J. Meyerowitz, of Temple Sholem; Rev. Walter J. Swaffield, D. D., of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, Plainfield, N. J.

After the singing of the doxology the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Edward G. Read, D. D.

Dr. Broek in his address said: "I congratulate you upon the courage, zeal, vision and sacrifices that enabled you to build this beautiful temple for the worship and the glory of Almighty God and the service of man.

"I pray God that the influence of this church may extend throughout this community and in our city and even to the ends of the earth."

DEDICATION OF CHURCH BUILDING.

The new church building was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, November 15, 1925, at three o'clock. The new building measures 100 feet on Midway Avenue and 71 feet on Leland Avenue. The church auditorium measures 71 by 42 feet and has a seating capacity of 300 persons. It also contains a choir room on one side of the pulpit and a pastor's study on the other side. The organ is directly behind the pulpit.

The building is designed in the English gothic type of architecture, the plan and general design resembling an early English chapel. Stucco finish has been substituted for the rubble masonry of that period.

The roof over the main auditorium is supported by exposed hammer-beam wood trusses of true gothic design. This type of truss was first used in the great hall of Westminster Palace in 1397 and has been extensively used in gothic churches ever since.

The stained glass windows, the lighting fixtures, pews and organ front were all designed to carry out the gothic effect. The designs for the lighting fixtures were sent to the Philippine Islands where they were made up of a specially selected type of sea-shell leaded together. The finished fixture was brought

to New York to be wired and stained to harmonize with the color scheme of the windows.

The organ was especially designed for this building by the Estey Organ Company and is the only organ in the city which is entirely enclosed, bringing the volume under the entire control of the organist.

The main auditorium, which is finished in a rich antique oak and seats 300 persons, is situated on the first floor together with the pastor's study, choir rooms and vestibule. Directly beneath the auditorium are the church parlors, seating about three hundred and equipped with a small stage with dressing rooms and also connected through a serving room with a kitchen.

The entire structure sets quite low and with its graceful gothic windows and tower is an object of beauty.

The service of dedication was in charge of the pastor, Rev. Sherman H. Marcy. The church auditorium was filled to its capacity, extra chairs being brought in to seat the people. The invocation was offered by Rev. E. I. Case, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Edward G. Read, D. D. Mr. Henry Van Olleffen sang a solo "Open the Gates of the Temple." The choir rendered an anthem and Mr. Whitney Frazee a cornet solo, "Hold Thou My Hand."

The solemn service of dedication was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Sherman H. Marcy, according to the liturgy of the Reformed Church while the congregation joined in the responses.

Congratulatory addresses were made by Mayor James T. MacMurray, member of Trinity Reformed Church, who stated that he believed in the work of the church which was of great service to humanity. He urged the members to give the church their fullest support.

Judge J. Henry Crane, who had been a teacher of the Men's Bible Class for the past five years, believed that with the completed building, a great spiritual uplift would also be received.

Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., was very happy in his felicitations. He is known as the "Father of the Church." It was

through his efforts that the church was started and the present site selected. He referred to the first service in the portable church held on July 3, 1909, and to the progress made under the pastorates of Rev. Royal A. Stout, the first minister, Rev. Edward S. Ralston and Rev. Sherman H. Marcy. He assured the church of his deep and continued interest in their welfare.

Rev. S. Arthur Devan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, stated the church is a candlestick with the purpose to give light, the candles burning in their devotion to God and His Kingdom. He hoped the light of this particular church would long continue to shine.

Rev. David T. Stephenson, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, said the Church of God was the greatest power on earth, accomplishing most with the least effort. The church is the conscience of the world, holding before the world the highest ideals and positive statements on life and eternity. All should be willing to aid its support.

Rev. Christian S. Kirkegaard, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, stressed the fact that while there were differences denominationally there was the unity of fellowship among Christians.

Rev. Edward S. Ralston told of the loyalty of all during the war and the same spirit manifests itself now. The vision reaches out to the bigger things of the future.

Rev. Isaac W. Gowen, D. D., L. L. D., pastor of the Grove Reformed Church, Weehawken, N. J., urged the people to contribute to the building fund and secured many new pledges.

The total cost of the building with furnishings and organ was about \$45,000. The members of this church have given in a most self-sacrificing way and several generous men and women in the city have made substantial contributions. At the time of the dedication a small debt of about \$7,500 remained on the property. A conservative estimate of the church building, parsonage and grounds is placed at \$110,000.

In August, 1922, the consistory purchased two lots adjoining their property on Leland Avenue, size 100 feet by 150 feet for \$2,250.

RESIGNATION OF REV. SHERMAN H. MARCY.

At a special meeting of the consistory, held on September 17, 1928, moderated by Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek, the following resignation of the Rev. Sherman H. Marcy was presented by him to the consistory.

"As I am fully persuaded that my work as pastor of the Netherwood Reformed Church is finished, I tender my resignation to take effect on the last Sunday of September, 1928.

"In doing so, I want to thank all who have faithfully co-operated with me in the work for the past eight years and I wish the church a most successful future."

After expressions of regret by members of the consistory it was voted to accept the resignation. A committee consisting of Messrs. Raymond C. Parlette, William Carson and J. B. Lane was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions.

At a special meeting of the Classis of Newark held in the North Church, Newark, N. J., on September 19, 1928, after hearing from the moderator of the consistory, Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek, it was voted to dissolve the pastoral relation between the Netherwood Reformed Church and the Rev. Sherman H. Marcy to take effect September 30, 1928.

The following resolutions were presented to Classis by the Netherwood Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J.:

WHEREAS, the time has come for the dissolution of the pastoral relations between its pastor, Rev. Sherman H. Marcy, and the Netherwood Reformed Church, we, the consistory offer the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that we hereby express our appreciation of the efficient work he has done in building a church edifice which is a great credit to him, and in which the church is adequately equipped to carry on all phases of its work. He has built well and the equipment that has been provided through his work should furnish the means for greater spiritual growth in the days to come.

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of consistory and sent to our pastor and the Classis of Newark.

The following action was taken by the Classis of Newark.

In dissolving the pastoral relations between the Netherwood Reformed Church and Rev. Sherman H. Marcy the Classis of Newark desires to make permanent record of deep appreciation of his faithful labors of eight years in the church. During his pastorate he lived a noble, self-sacrificing life of service for his Master, and even the rewards are manifest in the erection of a modern church building thoroughly equipped. A conservative estimate of the value of the church property is placed at \$110,000 with only a small debt of \$7,400 remaining on it. Three hundred members have been received, and the Sunday School has prospered.

We congratulate our brother upon his success, assure him of the high esteem in which he is held, and that his services will not be forgotten by the Rewarder of the faithful.

During the interim of the vacancy of the pastorate, from October 1, 1928, to December 1, 1929, Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., was appointed supervisor by the Classis of Newark and presided at all meetings of the consistory and congregation and conducted the preparatory services.

During the fall and winter of 1928 and 1929 the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. Theodore F. Bayles, D. D., of the New Brunswick Seminary. The Sunday evening service was omitted. During the summer of 1929 Mr. William A. Heydorn was placed in charge as student supply and his ministry was most acceptable.

The time of the annual congregational meeting was changed from January to the third Tuesday in April.

No attempt was made to secure a pastor until April, 1929. A committee of the consistory composed of Messrs. William Carson, Frederick A. Eastlund, Albertus A. Newman, Carl W. Germershausen, Willard W. James was appointed to search for a pastor.

PASTORATE OF REV. LEONARD AUGUSTUS SIBLEY.

At a congregational meeting held on October 23, 1929, action was taken by which the consistory was directed to extend a unanimous call to the Rev. Leonard A. Sibley. At a special

meeting of the consistory held on October 31, 1929, moderated by Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Leonard A. Sibley. The call was signed by Elders William Carson, Albertus A. Newman, Howard D. Melick, Raymond C. Parlette; Deacons Frederick A. Eastlund, William W. James, Richard Snyder, Carl W. Germershausen. For the first time in its history, the church began this new pastorate without aid from the Board of Domestic Missions.

Rev. Leonard Augustus Sibley is a son of the Reformed Church, his church home being the First Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J. He was graduated from Rutgers University in 1920 and from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1923. He was ordained by the Classis of Montgomery. His first pastorate was the Florida Reformed Church, Minaville, N. Y., where he remained until 1926. He then accepted a call from the Second Reformed Church, Astoria, Long Island.

At a special meeting of the Classis of Newark held in the Second Reformed Church, Irvington, on November 14, 1929, the call was approved by classis, was accepted by Rev. Mr. Sibley and arrangements were made for his installation. Mr. Sibley was also received into the membership of the classis by letter from the Classis of North Long Island.

The installation of the Rev. Leonard A. Sibley as pastor of the Netherwood Reformed Church took place on December 5, 1929.

There was a large attendance present at the service. The invocation, followed by the Lord's Prayer, was offered by the Rev. John A. Struyk, president of the Classis of Newark. The Scripture lesson from 2 Corinthians 4 was read by Rev. Walter J. Swaffield, D. D., President of the Plainfield Ministers' Council. The general prayer was offered by the Rev. Gerret J. Wullschleger, minister of Central Reformed Church, Maplewood, N. J.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Theodore F. Bayles, D. D., professor of Practical Theology, New Brunswick Seminary, from the text Matthew 7:29, "For he taught them as one having authority." Dr. Bayles said: Authority speaks for itself. It is an influence that moves upon the heart. One mark-

ed fact of the life of Christ was his authority. To the man with a withered hand he said: "Stretch forth thy hand;" to the sick man "Arise, take up thy bed and walk;" to the sinner, "Thy sins are forgiven." These were not merely stories of history but are duplicated in lives in every community today. In discovering his authority, we discover all the rest about Jesus. We believe Him to be the divine Son of God and long to serve Him. We see in Him the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Every Christian and every minister are heralds of that authority. We go forward in the spirit of helpfulness to gain the confession, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. The Church of God is the invincible instrument of Almighty God in this world, because of Christ, her head who speaks with authority.

The service of installation of the new minister, was conducted by Rev. John A. Struyk, president of classis and minister of the First Reformed Church, Belleville, N. J., according to the usages of the Reformed Church. After hearing the replies to the constitutional questions on the part of the minister and the congregation, he declared that by the authority of the Classis of Newark the pastoral relation between the Rev. Leonard A. Sibley and the Netherwood Reformed Church was fully constituted.

The charge to the minister was delivered by the Rev. Anno C. Dykema, minister of the Marconnier Reformed Church, Oak Tree, N. J. He exhorted the minister to be a man of true Christian spirit; of fidelity to Christ who had appointed Him; of confidence in God and in the power of his might, and a man of obedience to the commands of Jesus Christ.

The charge to the congregation was given by Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek, minister of Trinity Reformed Church. He charged the members to attend the church services, to support the church by their contributions, to pray for their minister, to work together with him and uphold his hands, to study the peace of the church and let the spirit of good will prevail, and to respect and honor their minister as an Ambassador of Jesus Christ, and not to forget the main task of the church to bring souls to Christ.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly installed minister, Rev. Leonard A. Sibley.

The music was under direction of Mr. Herbert J. Harold who presided at the organ. An anthem, "Thy Great Creator's Praise," by Fearis, was rendered during the service.

MEMORIALS AND BEQUESTS.

On July 12, 1909, Elder Cornelius H. Vander Hoef, of the North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., made the gift of the church bell.

In 1910 the pulpit and three pulpit chairs formerly used in Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., were given to the Netherwood Reformed Church.

On January 15, 1911, a Sunday School library of 250 books was received from the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.

In February, 1910, the silver communion service was presented by Mr. Van Marter Wyckoff Suydam, an elder in the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.

The pulpit Bible was presented by the home department of the Bible School.

In March, 1915, Mrs. Ralph Voorhees, of Clinton, N. J., gave \$5,000 for the building of the new church.

In 1915, a bequest of \$1,000 was received from Mrs. Susan P. DuBois. She resided at 789 Belvidere Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. She was the daughter of Rev. Elbert Stothoff Porter, D. D., editor of the "Christian Intelligencer" from 1852-1868.

On May 22, 1923, a bequest of \$300 was received from Mr. Henry Hansen who died at Plainfield on May 7, 1923.

In May, 1923, the church received part of the library of the Rev. Joseph O. McKelvey, pastor of Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield, N. J., for a library in the pastor's study in the church.

On Sunday, May 2, 1926, a baptismal fount was dedicated. It was the gift of Dr. Thomas W. Bickerton, and was presented in memory of his wife, Eva Naomi Bickerton, daughter of Hiram and Maria Garretson. Born at Middlebush, N. J., she received her education at the Misses Burkell's School at New

Brunswick, N. J. She died August 2, 1891. At the time of her death she was a member of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, New York City.

In May, 1930, a bulletin board was presented by Mr. Ellis A. Enander and Mrs. Ruth Enander Palmer in loving memory of Mrs. A. H. Enander.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

The following ornamental memorial windows have been placed in the church, containing these inscriptions:

In the west windows—

1. Mother
ANN F. CARTWRIGHT
July 30, 1857 June 20, 1925.
2. In Memory of
MRS. SUSAN P. DU BOIS.
3. In Memory of
KEEFER SAMUEL TOMS
October 14, 1880 October 22, 1918.
4. In Memory of
MARY E. COOPER BAILEY 1898
IRVING EMERICK COOPER 1902
FRANKLIN A. COOPER 1895
BY FATHER AND MOTHER 1925.

In the north windows—

5. In Memory of
CLAUDE GONOD.
6. In Memory of
JOSEPH S. MUNDY.
7. In Memory of
MR. AND MRS. JAS. MCCRADY.
8. In Memory of
ARTHUR KIENZLE
who gave his life for his country.



REV. ROYAL A. STOUT
Pastor, Netherwood Reformed Church



REV. EDWARD S. RALSTON
Pastor, Netherwood Reformed Church



REV. SHERMAN H. MARCY
Pastor, Netherwood Reformed Church



REV. LEONARD A. SIBLEY
Pastor, Netherwood Reformed Church

The following ornamental windows have been placed in the chapel of the church with these inscriptions :

1. Presented by
THE HOME DEPARTMENT.
2. In Loving Memory of
REV. AND MRS. D. BROEK.
This window was presented by
Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D.
3. In Loving Memory of
MRS. MATHILDA HANSEN.
4. In Loving Memory of
MRS. KATE YEOMANS.

THE CONSISTORY.

The following persons have served as members of the consistory :

1910—Elders, James C. Hansen, Samuel O. Rush, William Carson. Deacons, Enoch Berry, Gustave Frumerie, Claude Gonod.

1911—Elders, James C. Hansen, Samuel O. Rush, William Carson. Deacons, Gustave Frumerie, Enoch Berry, Claude Gonod.

Others who served during the pastorate of Rev. Royal A. Stout were: Elders, Horace J. Martin, A. V. Kennedy. Deacons, Oscar P. Wahlig, Peter Hansen, Arnold Finckel, Irving E. Cooper.

Those who served during the pastorate of Rev. Edward S. Ralston were: Elders, William Carson, James C. Hansen, Samuel O. Rush, Horace J. Martin, Claude Gonod, A. V. Kennedy, Albert E. Enoch, Raymond C. Parlett. Deacons, Peter Hansen, Oscar E. Wahlig, Edwin W. Hughes, James A. Bremble, J. R. Wooster, H. Johnston, E. Johnston, Horace G. Adams, Charles R. Collins, E. O. Marsh.

1919—Elders, A. E. Enoch, A. V. Kennedy, William Carson, C. Gonod, E. W. Hughes. Deacons, H. N. Adams, Jr., J. F. McColley, J. A. Bremble, C. R. Collins, E. O. Marsh.

1920—Elders, Wm. Carson, C. Gonod, E. W. Hughes resigned July 1, 1920, A. E. Enoch resigned May 10, 1920, A. V. Kennedy. Deacons, J. A. Bremble, A. J. Harris, H. S. Mills, H. N. Adams, Jr., J. F. McColley.

1921—Elders, John S. Fitts, A. V. Kennedy, Wm. Carson, C. Gonod, H. S. Mills. Deacons, J. S. Cartwright, C. F. Dickenshied, F. A. Eastlund, George E. Cowling resigned September 12, 1921, A. J. Harris, J. F. McColley.

1922—Elders, Wm. Carson, A. J. Harris, J. B. Lane, John S. Fitts, A. V. Kennedy. Deacons, G. W. Galloway, G. W. Mount, J. S. Cartwright, C. F. Dickenshied, F. A. Eastlund.

1923—Elders, A. V. Kennedy, A. Palmer, Wm. Carson, A. J. Harris, J. B. Lane. Deacons, J. S. Cartwright, C. F. Dickenshied, F. A. Eastlund, C. W. Galloway, G. W. Mount.

1924—Elders, Wm. Carson, R. C. Parlett, J. B. Lane, A. V. Kennedy, A. Palmer. Deacons, G. W. Mount, H. Van Ollefen, J. S. Cartwright, C. F. Dickenshied, F. A. Eastlund.

1925—Elders, J. S. Cartwright, A. V. Kennedy, Andrew Palmer, Wm. Carson, R. C. Parlett, J. B. Lane. Deacons, F. A. Eastlund, W. Kennedy, D. R. Parette, W. Brokaw, G. W. Mount, H. Van Ollefen.

1926—Elders, Wm. Carson, Irving Mills, R. C. Parlett, J. S. Cartwright resigned May 10, 1926, A. V. Kennedy and A. Palmer resigned October 11, 1926. Deacons, W. Brokaw, Raymond Hansen, H. Van Ollefen resigned October 11, 1926, F. A. Eastlund, D. R. Parette.

1927—Elders, J. C. Hansen, J. B. Lane, Wm. Carson, Irving Mills, R. C. Parlett. Deacons, Philip Kulthau, R. Snyder, W. Steenson, W. Brokaw, R. Hansen.

1928—Elders, Wm. Carson, R. C. Parlett, J. C. Hansen, J. B. Lane. Deacons, F. A. Eastlund, R. Snyder, P. Kulthau, W. Steenson.

1929—Elders, H. D. Melick, A. A. Newman, Wm. Carson, R. C. Parlett. Deacons, C. Germershausen, W. W. James, F. A. Eastlund, R. Snyder.

1930—Elders, F. A. Eastlund, R. C. Parlett, H. D. Melick, A. A. Newman. Deacons, W. J. Clark, Martin Herbst, W. W. James, Andrew Palmer.

On April 13, 1930, Elder William Carson was made Elder Emeritus for his long and faithful service.

The following have served as church clerks: January 22, 1910, James C. Hansen; January 5, 1921, A. V. Kennedy; January 9, 1922, Arthur J. Harris; March 13, 1922, John S. Cartwright; February 2, 1925, Andrew Palmer; February 11, 1927, Raymond Hansen; March 7, 1928; F. A. Eastlund.

The following have served as treasurers of the church: 1910, John Johnson, Henry Hansen; March 25, 1920, J. F. McColley; February 13, 1922, C. F. Dickenshied; 1925, Albertus Newman; Assistant Treasurer, 1910-1930, Peter Hansen.

BIBLE SCHOOL.

The first session of the Bible School was held on July 4, 1909, with an attendance of 25. Mrs. Amos Andrews, who died on June 21, 1929, was the first teacher in the school. The attendance by years has been as follows: 1910—56; 1911—84; 1912—73; 1913—143; 1914—210; 1915—211; 1916—211; 1917—239; 1918—168; 1919—168; 1920—170; 1921—312; 1922—450; 1923—436; 1924—360; 1925—335; 1926—345; 1927—325; 1928—440; 1929—397; 1930—400.

The following have served as superintendents: 1909, Samuel O. Rush, Claude Gonod; 1919, Albert E. Enoch, John B. Lane, G. Newell Karner, Fred C. Lounsbury; 1927, Howard D. Melick.

In 1919 the officers of the Bible School were as follows:

Superintendent, Mr. Albert E. Enoch; Associate Superintendent, Mr. George Morrison; Treasurer, Mr. J. F. McColley; Secretary, Mr. Robert Cartwright; Pianist, Mrs. Mabel A. Whitman.

Teachers, Mrs. Edward S. Ralston, Miss Edith Adams, Miss Elsie Saunders, Mrs. A. C. Fike, Mrs. Claude Gonod, Mr. J. R. Wooster, Mrs. George D. Merkel, Mr. John B. Lane, Mr. Claude Gonod, Mr. J. F. McColley, Miss Louise Snowden.

Home Department—Superintendent, Mrs. D. S. Adams; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. George D. Merkel.

Visitors, Mrs. W. H. Morris, Mrs. A. Newman, Mrs. J. M. Hunt, Mrs. H. N. Adams.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Aid Society was organized on June 18, 1909. The following have served as presidents: 1909, Mrs. George D. Merkel; 1910, Mrs. James C. Hansen; 1911, Mrs. A. V. Kennedy; 1912, Mrs. Johnston; 1913, Mrs. Horace J. Martin; 1914-1915, Mrs. Amos Andrews; 1916, Mrs. A. Nielsen; 1917, Mrs. H. Stewart; 1918-1919, Mrs. A. Fike; 1920, Mrs. A. V. Kennedy; 1921-1922, Mrs. M. Morgan; 1923, Mrs. H. M. Burkey; 1924, Mrs. Arthur Harris; 1925, Mrs. M. Morgan; 1926, Mrs. Sutton; 1927, Mrs. J. Steenson; 1928-1929, Mrs. James C. Hansen.

CHURCH STATISTICS

The Board of Domestic Missions has loaned the church \$20,900 toward the erection of the parsonage and church for which amount the board holds a mortgage on the property. In addition the board has contributed a supplement to the pastor's salary, each year since the organization of the church, until the year 1929 when the church became self-supporting.

The total contributions since the organization of the church for congregational purposes have been \$97,238 and for missions \$5,017, or a grand total of \$102,255. The Bible School has grown from 56 members in 1910 to 400 members in 1930. The church membership has increased from 34 in 1910 to 250 in 1930.

THE MINISTERS.

Rev. Royal Arthur Stout was born in New Brunswick, N. J., on November 14, 1885. He graduated from Rutgers College in 1907 and from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1910. He was a member of the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J. He was licensed to preach by the Classis of New Brunswick and ordained by the Classis of Newark in the Netherwood Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., on May 27, 1910. He received his Master of Arts degree in 1910 and Bachelor of

Divinity degree in 1912. He was married to Miss Ellen Surran Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Peterson of Vineland, N. J., on December 8, 1910, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Philetus T. Pockman, D. D., of the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J., in the Netherwood Reformed Church. It was the first wedding in the portable church building. He served the Netherwood Church from May 24, 1909, to September 1, 1913, when he accepted a call to the Green Hill Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa. He died at Hemet, Cal., on February 5, 1920.

Rev. Edward Stanley Ralston was born in Boston, Mass. He attended law school and graduated from Lane Theological Seminary in 1886. He was licensed by the Congregational Council and served the Congregational Church of Newport, Ky., 1886-1887; Plymouth Congregational Church, Lincoln, Neb., 1887-1891. He was president of Aspen College, 1891-1893. His other pastorates have been: Reformed Church, Piermont, N. Y., 1894-1900; Harlem Collegiate Reformed Church, New York City, 1900-1903; Second Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1903-1912; Netherwood Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., 1914-1920; Reformed Church, Piermont, N. Y., 1920-1930. He married Miss Kate Folsom. Their children are: Elizabeth Folsom Ralston Ball (Mrs. William B.); Arthur; Ruth, who died September 26, 1918.

Rev. Sherman H. Marcy was born in Russia, Herkimer County, N. Y. He graduated from Colgate University in 1889 and from Hamilton Theological Seminary in 1892. He was licensed by the Baptist Church, Hamilton, N. Y., in 1892. He took a post graduate course in Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He served the Baptist Church, Hempstead, L. I., 1892-1899; Weequackic Park Presbyteriean Church, Newark, N. J., 1909-1918. He engaged in Y. M. C. A. war work 1918-1920, and was pastor of the Netherwood Reformed Church from 1920-1928. Rev. and Mrs. Marcy have one daughter, Marjorie.

Rev. Leonard Augustus Sibley is a son of the Reformed Church, his home church being the First Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J. He graduated from Rutgers University

in 1920 and from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1923. He was ordained by the Classis of Montgomery. His pastorates have been: Florida Reformed Church, Minaville, N. Y., 1923-1926; Second Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I., 1926-1929; Netherwood Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., 1929. He received the B. D. degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1930. He married Miss Mary Paxson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Paxson. They have three children, Leonard A., Joyce and Jean.

INCORPORATION

On April 22, 1910, the church was legally incorporated according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.

The notice for such incorporation read as follows:

"Notice is hereby given pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, that there will be a meeting of the members of the society or congregation usually meeting at the church situated on the corner of Midway and Leland Avenue, in the City of Plainfield, Union County, New Jersey, on Friday, the 22nd day of April, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ten, at the said church building aforesaid at 8 o'clock in the evening of said day, for the purpose of considering the incorporation of said society or congregation into a body politic and corporate according to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled, 'An act to Incorporate Trustees of Religious Societies' and Supplements and Amendments thereto."

Dated March 10, 1910.

(Signed) JAS. C. HANSEN,
Secretary.

Certificate of Incorporation of the NETHERWOOD REFORMED CHURCH, OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.

To the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Union:

We, James C. Hansen, William Carson, Samuel O. Rush, Claude Gonod, Gustave Frumerie and Enoch Berry, of the

City of Plainfield, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, do certify, that on the 29th day of April, in the year of our Lord, 1910, a congregation of Christians of the denomination known as The Reformed Church in America, entitled to protection in the free use of their religion, by the constitution and laws of this State, assembled at their house, situate on Leland Avenue, in the City of Plainfield, Union County, N. J., which is the usual place of meeting for public worship, with a view of becoming incorporated, according to law and for the purpose of adopting a corporate name and selecting a board of trustees for said church or congregation, and that at least ten days' notice of the time and purpose of such assembly had previously been given by advertisement set up in open view in said place of meeting; the said time of assembly having been agreed upon by said congregation, and that said congregation, when so assembled, did then, and there by a majority of votes of such of the members of said congregation or church, who regularly contribute to the support thereof male and female, of twenty-one years of age, as were present, adopt a corporate name and elected us, the said James C. Hansen, William Carson, Samuel O. Rush, Claude Gonod, Gustave Frumerie and Enoch Berry, of the City of Plainfield, County of Union, and State aforesaid, to be a board of trustees of said congregation and church, and we do certify to the aforesaid proceedings under our hands and seals and transmit the same to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Union, to file and record the same to the end that the said members of the said church and their successors might become a body politic and incorporated pursuant to the provision of an Act "Act to incorporate Trustees of religious societies" and the supplements and amendments thereto.

And we further certify that by the majority of the votes of the members so present at said meeting pursuant to the provisions of said Act, the members adopted the name of the Netherwood Reformed Church, for the name of the corporation under the said act.

Given under our hands and seals at Plainfield, Union County,
N. J., the 13th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1910.

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| JAMES C. HANSEN, | L. S. |
| WILLIAM CARSON, | L. S. |
| SAMUEL O. RUSH, | L. S. |
| CLAUDE GONOD, | L. S. |
| GUSTAVE FRUMERIE, | L. S. |
| ENOCH BERRY, | L. S. |

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
CHARLES M. DOLLIVER.

State of New Jersey, }
County of Union. } ss. :

Be it remembered that on this 13th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1910, before me, a Master in Chancery of New Jersey, personally appeared James C. Hansen, William Carson, Samuel O. Rush, Claude Gonod, Gustave Frumerie and Enoch Berry, who I am satisfied are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed, for the use and purposes therein expressed.

CHARLES M. DOLLIVER,

Master in Chancery of New Jersey.

Received and filed July 2, 1910, at 9:05 A. M.

State of New Jersey, }
Union County, } ss. :

I, WILLIAM B. MARTIN, Clerk of the County of Union, aforesaid, and also Clerk of the Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas, holden therein.

Do HEREBY CERTIFY, That the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a certain Incorporation: The Netherwood Reformed Church of Plainfield, New Jersey, as the same is taken from and compared with the original on file in Book No. 1 of Religious Societies on Page 39 in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Courts and County, at Elizabeth, this 22nd day of May, 1930.

WM. B. MARTIN,
Clerk.

(Seal)

XXV. WARREN REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH

The history of the Warren Reformed Dutch Church, at Coontown, N. J., and the "First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church," known as the First German Reformed Church, of Plainfield, N. J., is closely connected.

The Independent German Lutheran Church of Warren Township was organized in 1850. Rev. Henry A. Freidel was the pastor from 1850 to 1856. He then entered the ministry of the Reformed Church and served the following churches: Third German Church, New York City, 1856-1875; Second Flatbush, 1875-1887. The following were the charter members of this Independent German Lutheran Church:

Johanes Bauer, Peter Bauer, Johanes Becker, Jacob Singer, George Kirchenvorsteher Freitag, Christoph Goos, George Klein, Heinrich Konig, Joseph Kreinich, Christian Neumuller, Adam Schmal, ——— Schmid, Ferdinand Thumm, Andrew Wels, Sebastian Zimmerman, Christoph Zimerman, Wilhelm Muller, Johanes Fischer.

At a special meeting of the Classis of New Brunswick held in the First Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J., on January 15, 1856, at 11 a. m., Rev. Henry A. Friedel and three elders, George Freiday, John Bauer and Adam Herlich from the independent German Lutheran Church of Warren Township, organized 1850, made formal application by appearing before Classis for the organization of a Reformed church. A committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Abram Messler, D. D., John F. Mesick, D. D., James A. H. Cornell, D. D., Franz M. Schneeweiss and Elders D. Waterman, John Freck, John A. Staats to proceed with organization, if the way be clear.

The committee of classis met at Coontown, N. J., on February 5, 1856, at 11 a. m., with the following members present, Revs. James A. H. Cornell, D. D., Franz M. Schneeweiss, John F. Mesick, D. D., and Elder John A. Staats. Rev. Dr. Cornell was appointed chairman and Rev. Dr. Mesick, secretary. Applications were received from nineteen persons to be organized as a Reformed Dutch Church. They were examined and received as charter members of the "Warren Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Coontown, N. J." The following elders and deacons were elected to constitute a consistory, Elders John Bower, Peter Bower, Adam Herlich, George Kline. Deacons William Miller, John Miller, Sebastian Zimmerman, George Freiday. Rev. Franz M. Schneeweiss preached a sermon in the German language from the text Luke 12:32. The petition for an act of incorporation to be filed in the County Clerk's office was signed in the presence of the committee. The meeting adjourned with prayer.

The following nineteen persons were the charter members:

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| Michael Albert | Johanes Klomp |
| Adam Bender | Justus Gimbel |
| Johanes Bauer | Jacob Kegel |
| Peter Bauer | Heinrich Konig |
| Gottlieb Fritz | Sebastian Zimmermann |
| George Klein | Christoph Zimmermann |
| Johanes Miller | Ferdinand Thums |
| Jacob Hanzinger | Franz Ywowada |
| George Becker | William Moller |

George Freitag

On May 12, 1856, the following persons were also received as members: Adam Herlich, John Fusselmann, Frederick Fusselmann, George Moller, Frederick Benn, Maria Christiane Benn. The total number of members received from February 5, 1856, to February 13, 1872, was 234. During the same period 46 marriages were solemnized, 201 children were baptized and 74 members died.

On June 17, 1856, the Classis of New Brunswick approved the call of the Warren Church upon Mr. John Henry Oerter,

a graduate of the New Brunswick Seminary. At the same meeting he was examined for ordination and his examination was sustained. He was ordained as a minister of the Reformed Church and installed as a pastor at a special meeting of the Classis of New Brunswick held at Warren Reformed Church, Coontown, N. J., on July 8, 1856, at 11 a. m. Rev. John C. Guldin preached the sermon from the text 1 Corinthians 4:1-2. Rev. Henry A. Friedel read a hymn and offered prayer. Rev. Franz M. Schneeweiss read the form of ordination and delivered the charge to the congregation. Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D., delivered the charge to the pastor.

Mr. Joseph Kriney gave the land for the Warren church and burying ground which adjoins the church. It was a part of his farm.

The pastoral relations between the Rev. John Henry Oerter and the Warren church was dissolved by mutual agreement of the pastor and consistory at a special meeting of the Classis of New Brunswick held at Somerville, N. J., on September 6, 1858. The consistory meeting had previously been moderated by Rev. Herman B. Stryker. Rev. John Henry Oerter was dismissed to the Classis of New York. He accepted a call to the Fourth German Reformed Church, New York City, which church he served for fifty-seven years from 1858 to the time of his death on January 24, 1915. He was a scholarly man and a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church for thirty-two years. He was born in Westphalia, Germany. He graduated from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1858. He was licensed by the Classis of New York. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Rutgers College in 1878.

At the same meeting of Classis, Rev. Jacob F. Neef was received from the Classis of New York. He served as the pastoral supply of the Warren Church from 1858 to 1864. It was also a joint pastorate with the First German Reformed Church, of Plainfield, N. J.

The Warren Reformed Church was transferred from the Classis of New Brunswick to the newly-organized Classis of Raritan on May 11, 1859.

Rev. William Wolff served this church jointly with the First German Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., from 1865 to 1866.

A call was extended by the Warren Reformed Church to the Rev. Herman Frederick Francis Schnellendruessler on April 13, 1869. It was approved by the Classis of Raritan on May 17, 1869. He was installed as pastor of this church on June 15, 1869, by a committee of classis consisting of Revs. John F. Mesick, D. D., Philip Melancthon Doolittle, D. D., and Elder Peter M. Staats. Rev. John Simonson, pastor of Central Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., read the liturgical form of installation, Rev. Dr. Philip M. Doolittle delivered the charge to the people and Rev. Dr. John F. Mesick charged the pastor. Rev. Herman F. F. Schnellendrussler served as pastor until April 11, 1871, when the pastoral relation was dissolved by the Classis of Raritan. He was born in Bradenburg, Prussia, October 4, 1819. He graduated from the Gymnasium of Gumbinen, Prussia. He came to America in 1852 and graduated from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1855. He was licensed by the Classis of New York. He served the following Reformed Churches: Fourth, Albany, 1855-1864; Chaplain 16th Regiment, Heavy Artillery, U. S. Volunteers, 1864-1865; Callicoon, N. Y., 1866-1869; also Milesville, 1869; Warren, N. J., 1869-1870. He died September 20, 1898.

On February 13, 1872, the church applied to the Classis of Raritan to be transferred to the Congregational Church and the request was granted by Classis.

The church had received aid from the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church to the amount of \$3,150.

Among those who have served on the consistory of this church are the following: John Bower, Peter Bower, Adam Herlich, George Kline, William Miller, John Miller, Sebastian Zimmerman, George Freiday, Ferdinand Thuurs, George Brennan, Martin Miller, Theodore Brogly.

Since the time that it became a Congregational Church on February 13, 1872, the church has had only one pastor, Rev. George Bowers. He was ordained as a minister by the Con-

gregational Council in the First Congregational Church, the present building of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., on March 14, 1873, and has served continuously ever since, a most remarkable record. He began to preach when he was sixteen years old as a Methodist preacher in Warren Township and has spent all his life preaching the Gospel in Warren Township. He is now eighty-seven years old.

Other ministers who supplied the pulpit were Revs. John Scharer, Henry Vogler and Gustaf Neumann.

The first church building was torn down in 1871 and the present building was completed in 1872. About thirty-two years ago, the services were changed from the German to the English language. Mrs. Lucy Lesser (Mrs. Frank), 79 Bound Brook Road, Dunellen, N. J., is at present the clerk of the Congregational Church, and has in her possession the Church Record book, dating from 1850.

CERTIFICATE OF WARREN CHURCH

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| Certificate of Reformed | } | Warren township Somerset |
| Dutch Church of Warren | | county New Jersey. |
| | | Dec. 26, 1855 |

Whereas pursuant to a request of a number of inhabitants of this township, Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to request the classis of New Brunswick to organize a congregation at or near Coontown in the township of Warren. Upon application of aforesaid committee the classis of New Brunswick were in Special Sessions on the fifteenth day of January A. D. 1856 in the consistory room of 1st R. F. D. Church of Raritan. In the absence of the President the Revd Abm Messler D.D. was cald. to the chair and Revd I. F. Mesick was appointed Sect. pro tem the meeting being opened and the roll called, classis proceeded to business. When the committee from Warren township appeared and made a full statement of the spiritual destitution of the community which they came to represent and we do sincerely pray the "Honorable classis of New Brunswick if in their wisdom they think

proper" they will take measures to comply with this our request" in behalf of the inhabitants of the township of Warren in organizing a Protestant Reformed Dutch Church in our midst. Whereas upon due deliberation it was deemed expedient to appoint a committee to proceed to Warren township to make a careful examination of the application of the Committee Classis. Resolved that a committee of seven be appointed to proceed to Coontown to meet the applicants and the following persons were appointed—Revd A. Messler Revd I. A. H. Cornell Revd F. M. Schuweiss and elders Wm. D. Waterman John Freck & John A. Staats & Revd I. F. Mesick DD. Resolved that the committee shall meet in Warren township on the fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty six at 10 ocl. A. M. Pursuant to the resolution of the classis of New Brunswick in session at Somerville held January fifteenth 1856, the comtee. met at Warren on the 5th day of February 1856. In the absence of the chairman of the committee Revd A. Messler, D. D. Revd I. A. H. Cornell was appointed chairman Revd. J. F. Mesick Sect. The roll was called Revd I. F. Mesick Revd I. A. H. Cornell Revd F. M. Schuweis elder John A. Staats appeared and answered to their names. Being a majority the meeting was called to enter by the chair. Prayer was offered by I. A. H. Cornell, The committee then publicly made known the object of the meeting viz to organize them into a Reformed Dutch Church by the authority of the classis of New Brunswick. And whereas it clearly appeared to the Committee present, both proper and prudent to organize a congregation. After a careful examination of the undersigned the Com. received into the Communion of the R. F. D. Church nineteen members all males of whom the following persons namely, John Bower, Adam Hurlick George Kline Peter Bower were elected and ordained elders and William Miller, Sebastian Zimmerman John Miller & George Friday deacons according to the constitution and *interest* of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church. Now then we declare ourselves a body corporate by the name, style & title of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Warren.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto affixed our names and seals. Warren township. Feb. 6, 1856. Somerset County, New Jersey.

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| JOHN BOWER | (L.S.) |
| GEORGE KLINE | (L.S.) |
| ADAM HURLICK | (L.S.) |
| PETER BOWER | (L.S.) |
| WILLIAM MILLER | (L.S.) |
| SEBASTIAN ZIMERMANN | (L.S.) |
| JOHN MILLER | (L.S.) |
| GEORGE FRIDAY | (L.S.) |

This is to certify that the foregoing persons severally subscribed their names in my presence and were severally sworn before me to fulfil their respective offices to which they were elected on the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord 1856.

WM. JENNINGS,
Justice of the Peace for the County of
Somerset, Warren township.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
COUNTY OF SOMERSET } ss.

I, WALTER K. CRATER, Clerk of said County, Do Hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a certain CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Warren dated December 26th, 1855, as the same is recorded in my office on February 13th, 1856, in Book of DEEDS No. W-2, on page 334

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this 14th day of October, 1930.

[SEAL]

WALTER K. CRATER,
County Clerk.
by ROBERT B. BERGEN,
Deputy Clerk.

XXVI. FIRST REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH

In August, 1857, the German people living in Plainfield asked Rev. John Henry Oerter, pastor of the Warren Reformed Church, to conduct prayer meetings for them on Sunday evenings. The consistory of the Warren Church granted their request. Prayer meetings were held in private homes. At the first meeting over forty were present.

At a meeting held at the home of Mr. Nickolaus Messerschmidt, held in March, 1858, twenty-seven members were received on confession and three by letter as members of the Warren Reformed Church. Three other members were later received.

At a special meeting of the Classis of New Brunswick held in the First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J., an application signed by sixteen persons, desiring the organization of a Reformed Church for the German people of Plainfield was received and referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Abram Messler, D. D., John F. Mesick, D. D., and Elder Ryneere H. Veghte. This committee reported favorably upon the application at the same meeting and classis appointed a committee consisting of Revs. John Henry Oerter, Abram Messler, D. D., John F. Mesick, D. D., James LeFevre, D. D., and Elder F. J. Frelinghuysen to organize the church.

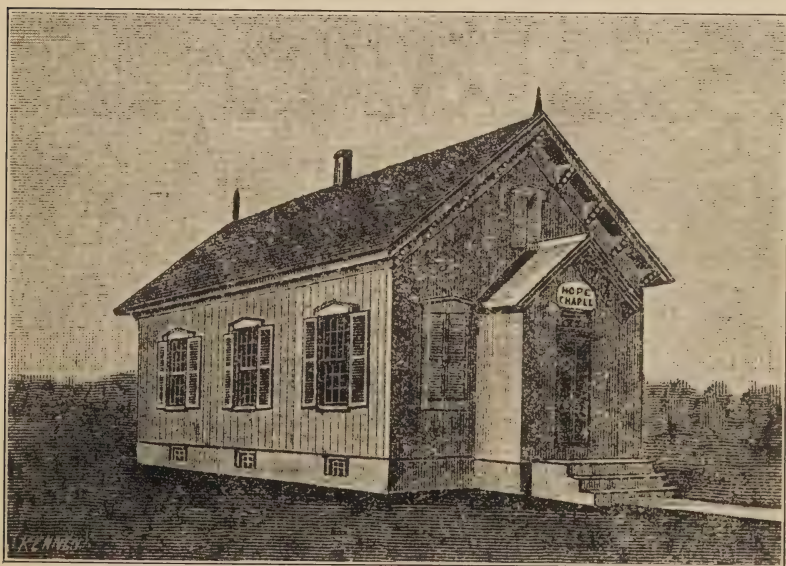
It was at first decided to organize the church the last Saturday in June, 1858, but circumstances did not permit the committee to meet on that day. On July 10, 1858, at 2 p. m., the committee of the Classis of Raritan met in Plainfield with the following members present: Revs. John F. Mesick, D. D., John Henry Oerter, James LeFevre, D. D., and Elder F. J. Frelinghuysen. Rev. John H. Oerter presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. James LeFevre, D. D., was the secretary of the meeting.

The following persons were received by letter from the Warren Reformed Dutch Church as charter members: Heinrich Linzer, Christian Betzold, Valentin Sauermann, Chatharine Sauermann, Nickolaus Messerschmidt, Elizabeth Messer-



THE WARREN CHURCH

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FIRST GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN 1859

schmidt, Julius Wilhelm, George Brenn, Christina Brenn, Frederick Brenn, Jacob Brandt, Christian Messerschmidt, Maria Messerschmidt, Maria Mills, Alexander Mueller, Heinrich Becker, Anna Hesse, Alois Heick, Christian Hesse, Andreas Schmidt, Katharina Schmidt, Jacob Krausser, Christine Krausser, Johann Baumann, Maria Baumann, Albine Linzer, Peter Langenbahn, George Saenger, Chatharine Saenger, Albert Saenger, Jacob Seibel, Christian Seibel, Joh Brandt.

The following persons were elected as members of the consistory, Elders, Nickolaus Messerschmidt, Valentin Sauer-
mann, George Saenger, Heinrich Linzer. Deacons, Christian Betzold, Jacob Brandt, Christian Hesse, Jacob Krausser. They were ordained and installed in office by Rev. John Henry Oerter who also preached the sermon from Acts 8:37. The closing prayer and benediction were offered by Rev. Dr. John F. Me-
sick.

The church thus organized was a child of the Warren Reformed Dutch Church. The name of the church as organized and incorporated was "The First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Plainfield, N. J." Application was made on the same day to the County Clerk in Elizabeth, N. J., for incorporation. The church was transferred from the Classis of New Brunswick to the newly organized Classis of Raritan on May 11, 1859. It was transferred from the Classis of Raritan to the Classis of Newark on October 14, 1884.

CHURCH BUILDINGS.

A school house was rented on East Fifth Street and Roosevelt Avenue. In 1859 the school house was purchased and rebuilt. The building served as their church until the year 1882, when it was badly in need of repairs. For five years, from 1882 to 1887, the consistory rented the Warren Mission Chapel and held services there. In 1884 the building was sold to the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church and the first session of Bethel Sunday School was held there on November 30, 1884. In 1887 the building was moved to the site of Hope Chapel, formerly the location of a saloon, on West Fourth and John Street, and in it Hope Chapel Sunday School was started on

January 1, 1888, with three officers, five teachers and twenty-seven scholars and four visitors. On July 1, 1927, it was sold to the Y. M. C. A. for the Moorland Branch Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.

In 1886 the present convenient site at the corner of Duer Street and Craig Place, North Plainfield, N. J., was selected and a beautiful brick building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Fred Koechli. Six thousand dollars were raised by subscription. Nine hundred and seventeen dollars were realized from a fair which the ladies of the church held and with this money the windows and pews were purchased. The Board of Domestic Missions granted a loan of \$1,700 to the church. The church building was dedicated on February 12, 1887. The architect was Mr. Oscar S. Teale, 247 Broadway, New York City.

The parsonage at the northwest corner of Park Place and Duer Street was purchased in 1896 during the pastorate of Rev. George Hauser. It was sold in 1918. The Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church has contributed over \$8,000 toward the ministers' support since the time of organization of the church. \$600 has been repaid to the Board on mortgage indebtedness.

PASTORATES.

Rev. Jacob F. Neef was the first missionary pastor of the church. It was a joint pastorate with the Warren Reformed Church. He was received by letter from the Classis of New York at a special meeting of the Classis of New Brunswick held at Somerville, N. J., on September 6, 1858. He served from 1858 to 1864. He was born on February 1, 1827, in Germany. He graduated from Stuttgardt College, Germany. He graduated from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1858. He was licensed by the Classis of New York. He was dismissed by the Classis of Raritan in 1864 to the Classis of Albany. He served the Fourth Reformed Church, Albany, from 1865 to 1888. He died February 6, 1888.

The second missionary pastor was the Rev. William Wolff. He came to America in 1853. He served from 1865 to 1866.

It was a joint pastorate with the Warren Reformed Church. He had previously served the following Reformed Churches: Jeffersonville, N. Y., 1853-1854; Naumberg and New Bremen, N. Y., 1856-1860. On May 29, 1866, he was dismissed by the Classis of Raritan to the Presbytery of Newark. He wished to take both the Warren and First German Churches over to the Presbyterian Church, but they refused to make a denominational change.

Rev. Adolph Schabehorn supplied the church from December, 1867, to 1868. It was a joint pastorate with the Warren Reformed Church. He came to this country in July, 1867.

Rev. Hermann F. F. Schnellendreussler was the stated supply from May 23, 1869, to December, 1869.

Rev. Edward Schweitzer served as stated supply from November, 1870, to May, 1874.

Rev. Herman F. F. Schnellendreussler supplied the church from October, 1874, to November, 1875. From 1876 to 1878, there was no missionary pastor in charge, but the church was supplied by various ministers.

A call was extended to the Rev. Frederick Ernst Schlieder on September 17, 1879. The call was approved by the Classis of Raritan on October 14, 1879. He was received by letter from the Classis of Wisconsin. He was installed as pastor by the Classis of Raritan on November 6, 1879. Rev. Julius W. Geyer, of New York City, preached the sermon, Rev. Artemus Dean presided, Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D., delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. C. D. Fred Steinfuhrer gave the charge to the people. He served as pastor until May, 1882, when he became pastor of the Fourth German Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J., organized August 8, 1879. He was born at Gleina, Germany, October 26, 1838. He graduated from New Brunswick Seminary in 1865. He was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick. He served the following Reformed Churches—West Leyden, N. Y., 1865-1872; Forreston, Ill., 1872-1881; First, Plainfield, 1879-1882; Fourth Raritan, 1882-1886; Carnarsie, 1886-1889; West Leyden, N. Y., 1889-1907. He died February 3, 1915. His son, Rev. Albert Henry Von Schlieder entered the ministry of the Reformed Church.

Rev. Fred Koechli served as pastor from April 11, 1883, to July 1, 1894. He was installed as the pastor of the church by the Classis of Newark on February 15, 1888. Rev. David Waters, D. D., minister of the North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., and president of the classis presided and read the form of installation. Rev. Carl Girtanner, minister of the First German Church, Newark, N. J., preached the sermon from 1 Corinthians 3:9. Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph.D., minister of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., charged the pastor. Rev. Benjamin C. Miller, Jr., minister of Franklin Reformed Church, Nutley, N. J., charged the people. The call extended to Rev. Fred Koechli was approved at a special meeting of the Classis of Newark held on January 17, 1888. From 1886 to 1894 it was a joint pastorate with the Fourth Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J. On July 3, 1883, a delegation from the church at Meyersville, N. J., wished to unite their church with the First German Church, Plainfield, but the First German Church did not give a favorable answer as they desired to remain a separate organization. During his pastorate a new church building was erected.

At a special meeting of the Classis of Newark Rev. Dr. Cornelius Schenck reported that he had moderated a meeting of the consistory of the First German Reformed Church, for dissolution of the pastoral relation between Rev. Fred Koechli and the church, owing to continued ill health of the pastor. The Classis of Newark dissolved the pastoral relation to take effect July 1, 1894. He was dismissed on June 26, 1894, to the Classis of Raritan. He was born at Berne, Switzerland, November 19, 1871. He continued to serve the Fourth Reformed Church, Somerville, from 1894 to 1908. He died August 8, 1908.

Rev. George Hauser, Ph.D., served as pastor from 1894 to April 1, 1902. A call extended to him by the consistory was approved at the special meeting of the Classis of Newark held on July 9, 1894. He was also received as a member of classis from the Evangelical Association of North America. He was installed as pastor of the church on Wednesday evening, September 19, 1894. The president of classis, Rev. Daniel H. Martin, D. D.,

minister of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., presided and read the form of installation. Rev. John Henry Oerter, D. D., minister of the Fourth German Reformed Church, New York City, preached the sermon. The charge to the pastor was delivered by the Rev. John N. Jansen and the charge to the congregation was given by Rev. Carl Girtanner, minister of the First German Reformed Church, Newark, N. J. The parsonage was purchased during his pastorate.

Rev. John Justin served as stated supply from 1902 to 1904. He was born at Weinalsheim, Hesse, May 19, 1839. He graduated from Rutgers College in 1862 and from New Brunswick Seminary in 1865. He was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick. He served the following Reformed Churches—North Bergen, N. J., 1865-1902; First, Plainfield, N. J., 1902-1904; North Bergen, N. J., 1906-1910. He died December 6, 1920.

Rev. Charles H. Schneegas was the stated supply from 1905-1912. He was born at Wittenberg, Germany. He graduated from Bloomfield College and Seminary in 1893. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Newark in 1893. He served the Presbyterian Churches of Camden, N. J., 1893-1898, and Stapleton, N. Y., 1898-1904, and the Reformed Churches of Stuyvesant, N. Y., 1913-1918; Sprakers and Currytown, N. Y., 1919, to the present time.

The church has received various legacies from devoted members amounting to \$5,000.

PASTORATE OF REV. GEORGE HAUSER, PH.D.

The Rev. George Hauser, Ph.D., was called to the pastorate to take effect January 1, 1913, at a meeting of the consistory, moderated by the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D. The call was approved at a special meeting of the Classis of Newark held in the North Reformed Church, Newark, on Saturday, January 4, 1913, and arrangements were made for his installation. Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., and Elder Robert Clark, Jr., represented Trinity Reformed Church and Elder Philip Bach, presented the First German Reformed Church.

Dr. Hauser was installed as pastor on Thursday evening, February 7, 1913, at 8 p. m., by the Classis of Newark. Dr. Hauser was formerly pastor of this church from 1894 to 1902. The president of Classis, Rev. Edwin E. Davis, pastor of the New York Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., presided and offered prayer. The singing section of the Gesang and Turn Verein sang, "Day of God." The sermon was preached by the Rev. Albertus T. Broek, D. D., minister of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., who took as his text Psalm 23. He said it was an inspiration to build up the church and to make it an influence for good throughout the entire city and community. The office for installation of a minister was read by the Rev. Edwin E. Davis, who after hearing the answers of pastor and congregation declared Dr. Hauser the lawfully installed pastor of the church. The singing section of the Gesang and Turn Verein under leadership of Mr. Henry Van Hofe sang in German, "We Greet You." The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Charles Beach Condit, stated clerk of classis and minister of Trinity Reformed Church, Newark, N. J. He said: "The life of a minister is one of sacrifice. We are called not only to serve but to sacrifice dearly. It is also a life of joy. In our life of cross-bearing, we are endeavoring to lift humanity nearer to God and to bring souls to Christ." The charge to the congregation was delivered by the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., minister of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J. He rejoiced that their well beloved pastor had returned to them. He urged that they reverence him for his work's sake. A call to the ministry is a call of God. If the church is to prosper there must be peace and harmony among the members. Stand by your pastor and be loyal for he is worthy of your highest esteem. The singing section then sang in German, "The Home Dale." The benediction was pronounced by the newly installed pastor, Rev. George Hauser, Ph.D. At the conclusion of the service a social hour was held and refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid Society. Preceding the service the officiating clergymen were entertained at dinner at the home of Elder and Mrs. Robert Clark, Jr., 59 Jackson Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J.

The thirtieth anniversary of the dedication of the present church buiding was celebrated on February 8, 1917. Mr. August Wolfe, a member of consistory, presided. The program consisted of congregational singing; piano selections by Mr. Charles Klaus; an address of welcome in German by Mr. August Wolfe; recitation by Mr. Carl Hermann; violin selection by Mr. John Endress; recitation, Mr. Fred Giese; piano selections, Miss Pearl Wendell; an address by the pastor, Rev. George Hauser, Ph.D., who referred to the early history of the church and the vicissitudes through which she had passed. At the conclusion of the service refreshments were served by a committee of the Ladies' Aid Society in charge of Mrs. Giese and Mrs. Hook, assisted by members of the Young People's Society. Then general committee was composed of Mr. August Wolfe, Mr. C. Edward Krausse, Mr. Arthur Walters, and Miss Mamie Wendell.

The members of the consistory in 1917 were Mr. Henry Vogel, Mr. Louis Kohlweiss, Mr. William Vogel, Mr. George Brukehardt, Mr. E. C. Krause and Mr. August Wolfe. Mr. August Wolfe was the superintendent of the Sunday School and Mr. C. Edward Krausse, president of the Young People's Society.

On April 20, 1921, the pastoral relation between the Rev. George Hauser, Ph.D., and the First German Reformed Church was dissolved by the Classis of Newark by request of the pastor and consistory of the church. Dr. Hauser continued to supply the church as occasion required until 1925, when he was made the pastor emeritus of the church. The following was the statement of the moderator of the consistory, Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., to the Classis of Newark:

The undersigned, Rev. John Y. Broek, moderator of the First German Reformed Church, Plainfield, reports to the Classis of Newark that at a meeting of the consistory of said church held on April 14, 1925, which was moderated by him, the consistory of said church following a unanimous congregational action unanimously voted to petition the Classis of Newark that the Rev. George Hauser, Ph.D., in view of his faithful service to this church for 23 years and the affectionate and high regard

in which he is held by the members of this church, and in view of the fact that he has been a member of this classis for 31 years, be made the pastor emeritus by action of your classical body.

The moderator further reports that such a relation would be a most happy one to both the former pastor and his congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Y. BROEK.

Dr. Hauser has served as pastor of the following churches : First German Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., 1894-1902 ; Reformed Church, Grahamsville, N. Y., 1902-1906 ; Reformed Church, Claraville, N. Y., 1902-1906 ; Reformed Church, Unionville, N. Y., 1905-1906 ; First German Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., 1913-1921. Dr. and Mrs. Hauser have five children, Carl, Ida, Viola, Erhardt, Graham.

PASTORATE OF REV. JOHN MEYER.

The fortieth anniversary of the dedication of the present church building was held at a commemorative service on February 17, 1927. Rev. John Meyer presided. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek, minister of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., who related the noble history of the Reformed Church in America. She is the oldest church in America and will observe the 300th anniversary of its founding in 1928. The church was organized in New York City in the mill loft of a horse mill on South William Street on April 10, 1628, with about fifty members. Rev. Jonas Michaelius was the first minister. Peter Minuet and Jan Hughes were elected elders and Sebastian Jansen Krol, deacon. An address in the German language was delivered by Rev. Frederick Steinman, pastor of the First German Reformed Church of New-ark. He brought with him twenty-six members of his congregation. At the conclusion of the service a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. August Faessler and Mr. John Heim gave a piano recital.



FIRST GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN 1887



REV. FRED KOECHLI
Pastor, First German Reformed Church



REV. GEORGE HAUSER, Ph.D.
Pastor, First German Reformed Church



REV. JOHN MEYER
Pastor, First German Reformed Church

At a meeting of the consistory held at the parsonage of Trinity Reformed Church, 633 West Seventh Street, Plainfield, N. J., on April 12, 1928, moderated by Rev. Dr. John Y. Broek, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. John Meyer to become their pastor. He had been supplying this church since December, 1924. He was received as a member of the Classis of Newark at the fall session in 1926. Since coming to this church as a stated supply, the church has prospered. The call was signed by Elders August Wolfe, August Burkehardt, Fred Miller and Deacons C. Edward Krausse, Leo Scherzinger, Henry Heimlecher. The call was approved by the Classis of Newark at the spring session on April 18, 1928, held at the First Reformed Church, Irvington, N. J.

The installation of Rev. John Meyer as pastor of the First German Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., by the Classis of Newark was held at the church on May 10, 1928, at eight o'clock. The church was filled to its seating capacity. The opening hymn was, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." The Scripture lesson from Philippians 2 was read by Rev. George C. Hock, minister of the New York Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J. Prayer was offered by Rev. George Bowers, minister of the Coontown Congregational Church, who formerly had acted as the stated supply of the First German Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J. The sermon was preached by the Rev. John Y. Broek, D. D., minister of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., on "The Supremacy of Christ." The text was taken from Philippians 2:9. In his sermon Dr. Broek stated that Christ was supreme in the absolute sinlessness of his character, in his teaching, in his work and in his influence. He urged the newly installed pastor to preach this supreme Jesus. The office of the installation was conducted by the Rev. George C. Hock, president of the Classis of Newark, the congregation and the pastor answering the required questions. The charge to the pastor was delivered in the German language by the Rev. George Hauser, Ph.D., pastor emeritus. The charge to the congregation was given in the German language by the Rev. Frederick Steinman, minister of the First German Reformed Church, Newark, N.

J. The closing hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," was sung. The benediction was pronounced by the newly installed minister, Rev. John Meyer. Fifty members of the First German Church, Newark, were present. The music was under direction of the church organist, Mr. C. Edward Krausse, who rendered the organ prelude and postlude. An instrumental trio composed of Mr. A. Deml, violin; Mr. H. Naylor, cello; Mrs. C. Berwing, piano, rendered Op. 33 by C. Goldmark, and Op. 330 by W. Carl Bohm. A vocal solo, "A Dream of Paradise," was sung by Mrs. C. Berwing, accompanied by Mrs. M. Smeall. A social hour with refreshments followed.

Rev. John Meyer is a native of Switzerland and received his education in Chrischoma University. He was ordained as a minister of the Congregational Church in North Dakota.

The seventieth anniversary services of the organization of the church were held on Sunday, July 8, 1928, and were in charge of the pastor, Rev. John Meyer, who also read the minutes of the organization of the church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Fred Miller. A vocal solo, "Entsagung," by Mendelssohn, was rendered by Mrs. C. Berwing, accompanied by Mrs. M. Smeall. Luther's Hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," was sung by the congregation. Some of the old members of the church who were present were the following: Mrs. C. Eggerding, who united with the church on March 6, 1868. Elder August Wolfe and Mrs. A. Schorb united with the church over 40 years ago. Mr. C. Edward Krausse was presented with a purse for his faithful service as organist for twenty-six years.

The seventy-third anniversary of the organization of the church was celebrated on Sunday, July 7, 1929. The anniversary sermon was delivered by the Rev. John Meyer. The new organ, an Aeolian Orchestrella, was dedicated at this service.

The church at the present time numbers 34 families and 44 members with a Bible School of 14 members. \$835 was contributed this year for congregational expenses.

The present members of the consistory are: Elders George Burckhardt, Otto Steffens, Henry Heimlicher. Deacons: C. Edward Krausse, Erich Fuerll, Louis Lohf.

The following have served in the Consistory:

ELDERS—Nickolaus Messerschmidt, Valentin Sauermann, George Saenger, Heinrich Linzer, George Brenn, Andrew Zeiss, John Steiner, Ch. Betzold, John Steiner, Joannes Becker, Johann Hartfelder, Fred Krech, L. Altmann, Henry Michel, Adam Utzinger, Valentin Utzinger, Michael Schlereth, Julius Williams, Martin Ptaseninska, F. Neis, Peter Doeringer, F. Mowinkel, Philip Bach, J. Angerbauer, John M. Schorb, August Wolff, J. Sauermilen, Ph. Giese, Henry Vogel, H. Wilke, Fred Miller.

DEACONS—Christian Betzold, Jacob Krausser, Christian Hesse, Jacob Brandt, George Brenn, Johannes Becker, P. Langenbann, J. Baumann, H. Wendel, J. Steiner, J. Igel, Jacob Beck, Jacob Seibel, G. Schiny, G. Fruenann, Hugo Weigmann, George Igel, F. Bechtele, Carl Schipper, Gustav Schipper, Peter Doeringer, H. Strauss, V. Utzinger, A. Siegmann, John Vosselmann, M. Menzelbach, Philip Bach, August Wolff, G. Albert, F. Mowinkel, John Becker, St. Schlieff, Chas. Keller, J. Angerbauer, Fred Endress, C. Zeppel, J. Schorb, E. Debele, Henry Hess, Frank Bach, G. Kellarech, Philip Giese, J. Sauermilon, Henry Vogel, L. Kohlweiss, Leo. Scherzinger, William Vogel.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

“THE FIRST REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH
OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.”

Be it known unto all men, that we undersigned Elders and Deacons have been constituted by the Classis of New Brunswick of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the United States of America, into a congregation of the same, to be designated and known under the style and title of “The First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Plainfield, N. J.” Said congregation to be governed by the word of God and by the doctrines and constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church, established in the last national Synod held at Dordrecht and ratified and explained by the ecclesiastical judicatory under which we stand and to which we

pledge ourselves and our successors in office to remain subordinate.

Done in Plainfield, N. J. on this tenth day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Eight.

Witness our Hands and Seals

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| Elders | { | NICHOLAS MESSERSCHMIDT | (L.S.) |
| | | VALENTIN SAUERMANN | (L.S.) |
| | | GEORGE SAWYER | (L.S.) |
| | | HENRY SINGER | (L.S.) |
| Deacons | { | ——— KREINZER | (L.S.) |
| | | PHILIPP BRUND | (L.S.) |
| | | CHRISTIAN HESS | (L.S.) |
| | | CHRISTIAN BEZOLT | (L.S.) |

Filed: July 10th, 1858.

HENRY R. CANNON,
Clerk.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, }
UNION COUNTY, } ss:

I, WILLIAM B. MARTIN, Clerk of the County of Union, aforesaid, and also Clerk of the Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas, holden therein,

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a certain Certificate of Incorporation

The First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of
Plainfield, N. J.

as the same is taken from and compared with the original on file in Incorporation Book I page 28 in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Courts and County, at Elizabeth, this 23rd day of June, 1930.

WM. B. MARTIN,
Clerk.

[SEAL]

**XXVII. DEED TO TRINITY REFORMED
CHURCH, 1880**

TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS shall come, or whom they may concern :

I, SETH B. RYDER, a Sheriff of the County of Union, in the State of New Jersey, sends Greeting :

WHEREAS, on the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, a certain writ of Fieri Facias was issued out of the Court of Chancery of the State of New Jersey, directed and delivered to me, SETH B. RYDER, then and still being Sheriff of the said County of Union, and which said writ is in the words or to the effect following, that is to say :

NEW JERSEY, to WIT : THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to the Sheriff of the County of Union, Greeting :

WHEREAS, on the fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, by a certain decree made in our Court of Chancery, before our Chancellor at Trenton, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York are complainants and The Trustees of the Central Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Plainfield, The First Congregational Church of Plainfield, William B. Stewart, Executor, &c., Nicholas E. Smith, James E. Main, William Swalm, Alexander Willett, Peter Bogart, Charles M. Opdyke and Jarvis A. Freeman, Trustees, and Francis S. Runyon are Defendants, it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that certain mortgaged premises with the appurtenances in the bill of complaint in the said cause particularly set forth and described, that is to say : All that tract or parcel of land and premises hereinafter particularly described, situate, lying and being in the City of Plainfield, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey. Beginning at a post and corner of land of John D. Titsworth and Company and Jackson Pound ; said post stands in the rear line of lots coming from Front or First street ; thence with the line of said Pound, south forty-seven and three-quarter degrees East two chains and fifty-one links to a stone in the middle of

Second street, distant about two hundred and sixty feet in a westerly direction from the centre line of Cherry street; thence with the middle of Second street southwesterly one chain and twenty-three and a-half links to a stone; thence with the easterly edge of an alley North forty-seven and one-half degrees West two chains and fifty links to a stone; thence with the line of said John D. Titsworth and Company north-easterly one chain and twenty and one-quarter links to the Place of Beginning. Containing three hundred and four thousandths of an acre of land.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Trustees of the Central Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Plainfield by the Trustees of the Union Baptist Church of Plainfield, by their deed bearing date October 1st, 1864, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Union County, April 27th, 1865, in Book 16 of Deeds, Page 489.

Together with all and singular the rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, use, property, claim and demand of the said defendants of, in, to and out of the same, be sold, to pay and satisfy unto the said complainants the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-one Dollars and sixty-seven cents, the principal and interest recorded by their certain mortgage given by The Trustees of the Central Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Plainfield, bearing date the twenty-second day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, together with lawful interest thereon from the thirtieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, until the same be paid and satisfied, and also the costs of the said complainants;

and that for that purpose a writ of Fieri Facias should issue, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Union, commanding him to make sale as aforesaid, and that the surplus money arising from such sale, if any there be, should be brought into the said Court, subject to the further order of the said Court, as

by the said decree remaining as of record, in our said Court of Chancery at Trenton, doth and may more fully appear.

AND WHEREAS the costs of the said Complainants have been duly taxed at the sum of One Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars and thirty-one cents ;

Therefore you are hereby commanded that you cause to be made of the premises aforesaid, by selling so much of the same as may be needful and necessary for the purpose, the said sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-one Dollars and Sixty-seven cents, and the same you do pay to the said complainants, together with lawful interest thereon, as aforesaid, and the sum of one hundred and sixty-four dollars and thirty-one cents of costs ; and that you have those moneys before our said Chancellor in our Court of Chancery aforesaid, at Trenton, on the third Tuesday of May next, to render to the said complainants and also the surplus money, if any there be, to abide the further order of our said Court, according to the decree aforesaid. And you are to make return at the time and place aforesaid, by certificate, under your hand, of the manner in which you shall have executed this our writ, together with this writ.

WITNESS, Theodore Runyon, Esquire, our Chancellor at Trenton aforesaid, the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

FRED C. BURNHAM, Sol'r.

H. S. LITTLE, Clerk.

As by the Record of the said writ of Fieri Facias in the office of the Clerk of the said Court of Chancery of the State of New Jersey, at Trenton, in Book J5 of Executions, page 436, &c.

AND WHEREAS, I, the said SETH B. RYDER, as such Sheriff as aforesaid, did, in due form of law, advertise the said lot of land and premises to be sold under and by virtue of the said writ of fieri facias, at Public Vendue, to be held at the Court House, in the city of Elizabeth, New Jersey, on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of May, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty, at two o'clock p. m. of said day, by advertisements signed by myself, and put up in five or more public

places in the said County of Union, one of which was in the City in which the said land lies, at least two months before the time appointed for selling the same, and also published in the Elizabeth Daily Monitor and The Daily Bulletin, two newspapers printed and published in this State, nearest the place in the said county where the said land is situated, and circulating in the neighborhood of said land, for at least four weeks, successively, once in each week next preceding the said time, one of which said newspapers, to wit: The Elizabeth Daily Monitor, is printed and published at the City of Elizabeth, the County seat of said County, at which named time and place, and each and every week thereafter, I did adjourn said sale, by weekly adjournments, once in each week, to Wednesday, the twenty-third day of June, same year, town and place, at which last named time and place I did accordingly offer and expose the said lot of land and premises for sale at public vendue, under and by virtue of the said writ of fieri facias.

Whereupon: The Trinity Reformed (Dutch) Church of Plainfield did then and there bid for the same the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars, and no other person bidding as much, I did then and there, openly and publicly, in due form of law, between the hours of twelve and five in the afternoon, strike off and sell the said lot of land and premises for the said sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars, to the said The Trinity Reformed (Dutch) Church of Plainfield, it being then and there the highest bidder for the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW YE, That I, the said SETH B. RYDER, as such Sheriff aforesaid, under and by virtue of the said writ of Fieri Facias, and in execution of the power and trust in me reposed, and also for and in consideration of the said sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars, to me in hand paid, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and therefrom acquit, exonerate, and forever discharge the said The Trinity Reformed (Dutch) Church of Plainfield, its successors and assigns, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the

said The Trinity Reformed (Dutch) Church of Plainfield, its successors and assigns, all and singular, the said lot of land and premises, with the appurtenances, privileges and hereditaments thereto belonging or in any way appertaining: TO HAVE AND HOLD the same unto the said The Trinity Reformed (Dutch) Church of Plainfield, its successors and assigns, to its and their only proper use, benefit and behoof forever, in as full, ample and beneficial a manner as by virtue of the said writ of Fieri Facias I may, can, or ought to convey the same.

And I, the said SETH B. RYDER, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said The Trinity Reformed (Dutch) Church of Plainfield, its successors and assigns, that I have not, as such Sheriff aforesaid, done or caused, suffered or procured to be done, any act, matter or thing whereby the estate hereby intended to be conveyed in and to the said lot of land and premises, with the appurtenances, is, may or can be changed, charged, encumbered or defeated in any way whatever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said SETH B. RYDER, as such Sheriff aforesaid, have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of

JAMES B. ENGLISH

[SEAL]

S. B. RYDER, Sheriff.

NEW JERSEY, UNION COUNTY, ss.

On this thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, before me, the subscriber, a Master in Chancery of said State, personally appeared SETH B. RYDER, Sheriff of the County of Union, aforesaid, who is, I am satisfied, the grantor in the within Indenture named, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did thereupon acknowledge that he signed, sealed and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed, for the use and purposes therein expressed.

JAMES R. ENGLISH.

I, SETH B. RYDER, Sheriff of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do solemnly swear that the land and real estate described in this deed, made by me to The Trinity Reformed (Dutch) Church of Plainfield, was by me sold by virtue of a good and subsisting execution as is therein recited; that the money ordered to be made has not been, to my knowledge or belief, paid or satisfied; that the time and place of the sale of said land and real estate was by me duly advertised as required by law, and that the same was cried off and sold to a bona fide purchaser for the best price that could be obtained.

S. B. RYDER.

Sworn before me, one of the Masters in Chancery of said State, on the thirtieth day of June, A. D. 1880; and I having examined the deed above mentioned, do approve the same and order it to be recorded as a good and sufficient conveyance of the land and real estate therein described.

JAMES R. ENGLISH.

[Recorded Sept. 14, 1880, in Book 144 of Deeds for Union County, N. J., page 44 etc.]

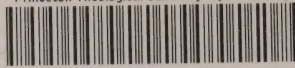
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